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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES :

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and one, being the First Session of the Seventh Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States :

On which day, being the day appointed by the Constitution for the annual meeting of Congress, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House, to wit :

From New Hampshire,	{ Abiel Foster, George P. Upham, and Samuel Tenney.
From Massachusetts,	{ William Eustis, John Bacon, Phanuel Bishop, Joseph B. Varnum, Richard Cutts, Lemuel Williams, William Shepard, Ebenezer Mattoon, Nathan Read, Josiah Smith, and Manasseh Cutler.
From Rhode Island,	{ Thomas Tillinghast, and Joseph Stanton, jun.
From Connecticut,	{ Roger Griswold, Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, Calvin Goddard, Benjamin Tallmadge, Elias Perkins, and John C. Smith.
From Vermont,	Israel Smith.

From New York,	Samuel L. Mitchell, Philip Van Cortlandt, Theodorus Bailey, John Smith, Benjamin Walker, Thomas Morris, Killian K. Van Rensselaer, Lucas Elmendorf, David Thomas, and John P. Van Ness.
From New Jersey,	John Condit, James Mott, William Helms, Henry Southard, and Ebenezer Elmer.
From Pennsylvania,	William Jones, Michael Leib, John Smilie, William Hoge, Isaac Vanhorne, Joseph Heister, Robert Brown, Henry Woods, John A. Hanna, John Stewart, Thomas Boude, and Joseph Hemphill.
From Delaware,	James A. Bayard.
From Maryland,	John Archer, Joseph H. Nicholson, Samuel Smith, Richard Sprigg, John Dennis, and Thomas Plater.
From Virginia,	Thomas Newton, jun. John Randolph, jun. George Jackson, Philip R. Thompson, John Taliaferro, John Stratton, William B. Giles, Abram Trigg, John Trigg, Anthony New, John Smith, David Holmes, Richard Brent, Edwin Gray, and Matthew Clay.
From Kentucky,	Thomas T. Davis, and John Fowler.
From North Carolina,	Nathaniel Macon, Willis Alston, Richard Stanford, Charles Johnson, Archibald Henderson, and John Stanley.
From Tennessee,	William Dickson.
From South Carolina,	Thomas Sumter, Thomas Moore, and Thomas Lowndes.

From Georgia,	John Milledge,
From the N. W. Territory,	Paul Fearing,
From the Mississippi Terri- tory,	} Narsworthy Hunter.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the Whole House was found in favor of NATHANIEL MACON, one of the Representatives for the State of North Carolina: Whereupon,

Mr. Macon was conducted to the chair, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the House, as followeth:

"Gentlemen: Accept my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred on me, in the choice just made. The duties of the Chair will be undertaken with great diffidence indeed; but it shall be my constant endeavor to discharge them with fidelity and impartiality."

The House proceeded, in the same manner, to the appointment of a Clerk; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the Whole House was found in favor of John Beckley.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by law, was then administered by Mr. Griswold, one of the Representatives for the State of Connecticut, to the Speaker; and then the same oath, or affirmation, was administered by Mr. Speaker to each of the members present, to wit:

Abiel Foster, Samuel Tenney, George B. Upham, John Bacon, Phanael Bishop, Manasseh Cutler, Richard Cutts, William Eustis, Ebenezer Mattoon, Nathan Read, William Shepard, Josiah Smith, Joseph B. Varnum, Lemuel Williams, Joseph Stanton, jun. Thomas Tillinghast, Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, Calvin Goddard, Roger Griswold, Elias Perkins, John C. Smith, Benjamin Tallmadge, Israel Smith, Theodorus Bailey, Lucas Elmendorf, Samuel L. Mitchell, Thomas Morris, John Smith, David Thomas, Philip Van Cortlandt, John P. Van Ness, Killian K. Van Rensselaer, Benjamin Walker, John Condit, Ebenezer Elmer, William Helms, James Mott, Henry Southard, Thomas Boude, Robert Brown, John A. Hanna, Joseph Heister, Joseph Hemphill, William Hoge, William Jones, Michael Leib, John Smilie, John Stewart, Isaac Vanhorne, Henry Woods, James A. Bayard, John Archer, John Dennis, Joseph H. Nicholson, Thomas Plater, Samuel Smith, Richard Sprigg, Richard Brent, Matthew Clay, William B. Giles, Edwin Gray, David Holmes, George Jackson, Anthony New, Thomas Newton, jun. John Randolph, John Smith, John Stratton, John Taliaferro, Philip Rootes Thompson, Abram Trigg, John Trigg, Thomas T. Davis, John Fowler, Willis Alston, Archibald Henderson, Charles Johnson, Richard Stanford, John Stanley, Thomas Moore, Thomas Lowndes, Thomas Sumter, John Milledge, William Dickson, Paul Fearing, and Narsworthy Hunter.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business; and that, in the absence of the Vice President, they have elected the honorable Abraham Baldwin, President of the Senate, pro tempore. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and have elected Nathaniel Macon, one of the Representatives of the State of North Carolina, their Speaker, and are now ready to proceed to business; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Sergeant-at-Arms, Doorkeeper, and assistant Doorkeeper; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Joseph Wheaton, as Sergeant-at-Arms, and, also, an unanimous vote in favor of Thomas Claxton, and Thomas Dunn, severally, the former as Doorkeeper, and the latter as assistant Doorkeeper.

Ordered, That the said Joseph Wheaton, Thomas Claxton, and Thomas Dunn, do severally give their attendance accordingly.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may think proper to make to them. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said message of the Senate: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do concur in the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Griswold, and Mr. Davis, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, for the purpose expressed in the message of the Senate.

On motion,

Resolved, That the rules and orders of proceeding established by the late House of Representatives, shall be deemed and taken to be the rules and orders of proceeding to be observed in this House, until a revision or alteration of the same shall take place.

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report standing rules and orders of proceeding to be observed in this House; and that Mr. Varnum, Mr. Giles, Mr. Leib, Mr. Davenport, and Mr. Henderson, be the said committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers to each member, such as the members, respectively, shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled and ready to receive any communication he may think proper to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he would make a communication to this House, to-morrow, by message.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to a resolution appointing a committee, on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to take into consideration a statement made by the Secretary of the Senate, respecting books and maps purchased pursuant to a late act of Congress, and to make report respecting the future arrangement of the same; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution: Whereupon,

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Randolph, be appointed a committee, on the part of this House, pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Resolved, That, unless otherwise ordered, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, during the present session, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1801.

Several other members, to wit: from Pennsylvania, Andrew Gregg; from Virginia, Samuel J. Cabell; from North Carolina, James Holland; and from South Carolina, William Butler; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of John M'Donald, late of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be employed to superintend the arrangement and safe-keeping of the books intended for the library of the two Houses of Congress; and that he may receive such compensation for his services, in that capacity, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed yesterday, on the part of this House, jointly with the committee appointed by the Senate, to take into consideration a statement made by the Secretary of the Senate, respecting books and maps purchased pursuant to a late act of Congress, and to make report respecting the future arrangement of the same.

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Milledge, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Condit, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Stanley, and Mr. John Taliaferro.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Davenport, Mr. Clay, and Mr. Alston.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. John Cotton Smith, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Mattoon, Mr. John Smith, of New York, Mr. Plater, and Mr. Moore.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Dana, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Lowndes.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House an account of all moneys received by Timothy Pickering, Esq. former Secretary of State, together with Mr. Pickering's account of disbursements, and his vouchers for the same :

Ordered, That the consideration of the said motion be postponed until Monday next.

Resolved, That a standing Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions, relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House ; to inquire into the state of the public debt, of the revenue, and of the expenditures ; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Read, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Dickson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Cutts and Mr. Abram Trigg be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as shall be appointed for that purpose, on the part of the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to a resolution that two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress, one by each House, to interchange weekly ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Senate in the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing Government and laws of the District of Columbia ; and that they be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Brent, Mr. Foster, Mr. Sumter, Mr. Plater, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. Bacon, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Ordered, That the credentials of Narsworthy Hunter, who has appeared as a Delegate from the Territory of the United States known by the name of the Mississippi Territory, be referred to the Committee of Elections ; and that they be directed to report whether the Territory is entitled to elect a Delegate, who may have a seat in this House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Thomas Claxton, the Doorkeeper, stating that, in the execution of the various duties attached to his station, certain expenditures will be requisite, and further assistance necessary to be allowed by the House ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Elmendorf, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Bacon.

A petition of James M'Cashen and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating that they are subjected to great and heavy losses and distresses by the operation of an act, passed at the last session of Congress, giving to persons claiming, by purchase from John Symmes and his associates, a right of pre-emption in certain lands purchased of the United States, to the prejudice of your petitioners' claims as original purchasers under said Symmes, and praying relief.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Davis, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Fearning ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed by the President of the United States to hand you a letter, accompanying a communication, in writing, from the President to the two Houses of Congress. And he delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

The said letter and communication were read, and are as follow :

December 8, 1801.

Sir : The circumstances under which we find ourselves, at this place, rendering inconvenient the mode heretofore practised, of making by personal address the first communications between the Legislative and Executive branches, I have adopted that

by message, as used on all subsequent occasions through the session. In doing this, I have had principal regard to the convenience of the Legislature; to the economy of their time; to their relief from the embarrassment of immediate answers on subjects not yet fully before them; and to the benefits thence resulting to the public affairs. Trusting that a procedure founded in these motives will meet their approbation, I beg leave, through you, Sir, to communicate the enclosed message, with the documents accompanying it, to the Honorable the House of Representatives; and pray you to accept, for yourself and them, the homage of my high respect and consideration.

TH. JEFFERSON.

The Honorable the SPEAKER
of the House of Representatives.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives:

It is a circumstance of sincere gratification to me that, on meeting the great council of the nation, I am able to announce to them, on grounds of reasonable certainty, that the wars and troubles which have for so many years afflicted our sister nations, have at length come to an end; and that the communications of peace and commerce are once more opening among them. Whilst we devoutly return thanks to the beneficent Being who has been pleased to breathe into them the spirit of conciliation and forgiveness, we are bound, with peculiar gratitude, to be thankful to him that our own peace has been preserved through so perilous a season, and ourselves permitted quietly to cultivate the earth, and to practise and improve those arts which tend to increase our comforts. The assurances, indeed, of friendly disposition received from all the Powers with whom we have principal relations, had inspired a confidence that our peace with them would not have been disturbed. But a cessation of the irregularities which had afflicted the commerce of neutral nations, and of the irritations and injuries produced by them, cannot but add to this confidence; and strengthens, at the same time, the hope that wrongs committed on unoffending friends, under a pressure of circumstances, will now be reviewed with candor, and will be considered as founding just claims of retribution for the past, and new assurance for the future.

Among our Indian neighbors, also, a spirit of peace and friendship generally prevails; and I am happy to inform you that the continued efforts to introduce among them the implements and the practice of husbandry, and the household arts, have not been without success; that they are become more and more sensible of the superiority of this dependence, for clothing and subsistence, over the precarious resources of hunting and fishing; and already we are able to announce that, instead of that constant diminution of numbers, produced by their wars and their wants, some of them begin to experience an increase of population.

To this state of general peace with which we have been blessed, one only exception exists. Tripoli, the least considerable of the Barbary States, had come forward with demands, unfounded either in right or in compact, and had permitted itself to denounce war, on our failure to comply before a given day. The style of the demand admitted but one answer. I sent a small squadron of frigates into the Mediterranean, with assurances to that Power of our sincere desire to remain in peace; but with orders to protect our commerce against the threatened attack. The measure was seasonable and salutary. The Bey had already declared war in form. His cruisers were out. Two had arrived at Gibraltar. Our commerce in the Mediterranean was blockaded; and that of the Atlantic in peril. The arrival of our squadron dispelled the danger. One of the Tripolitan cruisers having fallen in with and engaged the small schooner *Enterprize*, commanded by Lieutenant Sterret, which had gone out as a tender to our larger vessels, was captured, after a heavy slaughter of her men, without the loss of a single one on our part. The bravery exhibited by our citizens on that element will, I trust, be a testimony to the world that it is not a want of that virtue which makes us seek their peace; but a conscientious desire to direct the energies of our nation to the multiplication of the human race, and not to its destruction. Unauthorized by the Constitution, without the sanction of Congress, to go beyond the line of defence, the vessel, being disabled from committing further hostilities, was liberated, with its crew. The Legislature will doubtless consider whether, by authorizing measures of offence also, they will place our force on an equal footing with that of its adversaries. I communicate all material information on this subject, that, in the exercise of the important function, confided by the Constitution to the Legislature exclusively, their judgment may form itself on a knowledge and consideration of every circumstance of weight.

I wish I could say that our situation with all the other Barbary States was entirely satisfactory. Discovering that some delays had taken place in the performance of cer-

tain articles stipulated by us, I thought it my duty, by immediate measures for fulfilling them, to vindicate to ourselves the right of considering the effect of departure from stipulation on their side. From the papers which will be laid before you, you will be enabled to judge whether our treaties are regarded by them as fixing at all the measure of their demands, or as guarding against the exercise of force our vessels within their power; and to consider how far it will be safe, and expedient, to leave our affairs with them in their present posture.

I lay before you the result of the census lately taken of our inhabitants, to a conformity with which we are to reduce the ensuing rates of representation and taxation. You will perceive that the increase of numbers, during the last ten years, proceeding in geometrical ratio, promises a duplication in little more than twenty-two years. We contemplate this rapid growth, and the prospect it holds up to us, not with a view to the injuries it may enable us to do to others in some future day, but to the settlement of the extensive country still remaining vacant within our limits, to the multiplication of men, susceptible of happiness, educated in the love of order, habituated to self-government, and valuing its blessings above all price.

Other circumstances combined with the increase of numbers, have produced an augmentation of revenue arising from consumption, in a ratio far beyond that of population alone; and though the changes in foreign relations, now taking place so desirably for the whole world, may for a season affect this branch of revenue, yet, weighing all probabilities of expense, as well as of income, there is reasonable ground of confidence that we may now safely dispense with all the internal taxes, comprehending excises, stamps, auctions, licenses, carriages, and refined sugars; to which the postage on newspapers may be added, to facilitate the progress of information; and that the remaining sources of revenue will be sufficient to provide for the support of Government, to pay the interest of the public debts, and to discharge the principals in shorter periods than the laws, or the general expectation, had contemplated. War, indeed, and untoward events may change this prospect of things, and call for expenses which the imposts could not meet. But sound principles will not justify our taxing the industry of our fellow citizens to accumulate treasure for wars to happen we know not when, and which might not perhaps happen, but from the temptations offered by that treasure.

These views, however, of reducing our burthens, are formed on the expectation that a sensible, and at the same time a salutary reduction, may take place in our habitual expenditures. For this purpose, those of the civil Government, the Army, and the Navy, will need revisal. When we consider that this Government is charged with the external and mutual relations only of these States; that the States themselves have principal care of our persons, our property, and our reputation; constituting the great field of human concerns, we may well doubt whether our organization is not too complicated, too expensive; whether offices and officers have not been multiplied unnecessarily, and sometimes injuriously to the service they were meant to promote. I will cause to be laid before you an essay towards a statement of those who, under public employment of various kinds, draw money from the Treasury, or from our citizens. Time has not permitted a perfect enumeration, the ramifications of office being too multiplied and remote to be completely traced in a first trial. Among those who are dependent on Executive discretion, I have begun the reduction of what was deemed unnecessary. The expenses of diplomatic agency have been considerably diminished. The inspectors of internal revenue, who were found to obstruct the accountability of the institution, have been discontinued. Several agencies, created by Executive authority, on salaries fixed by that also, have been suppressed, and should suggest the expediency of regulating that power by law, so as to subject its exercises to legislative inspection and sanction. Other reformations of the same kind will be pursued with that caution which is requisite in removing useless things, not to injure what is retained. But the great mass of public offices is established by law, and therefore by law alone can be abolished. Should the legislature think it expedient to pass this roll in review, and to try all its parts by the test of public utility, they may be assured of every aid and light which Executive information can yield. Considering the general tendency to multiply offices and dependencies, and to increase expense to the ultimate term of burthen which the citizen can bear, it behoves us to avail ourselves of every occasion which presents itself for taking off the surcharge; that it never may be seen here that, after leaving to labor the smallest portion of its earnings on which it can subsist, Government shall itself consume the residue of what it was instituted to guard.

In our care, too, of the public contributions entrusted to our direction, it would be prudent to multiply barriers against their dissipation by appropriating specific sums to every specific purpose susceptible of definition; by disallowing all applications of mo-

ney varying from the appropriation in object, or transcending it in amount ; by reducing the undefined field of contingencies, and thereby circumscribing discretionary powers over money ; and by bringing back to a single department all accountabilities for money, where the examination may be prompt, efficacious, and uniform.

An account of the receipts and expenditures of the last year, as prepared by the Secretary of the Treasury, will, as usual, be laid before you. The success which has attended the late sales of the public lands shows that, with attention, they may be made an important source of receipt. Among the payments, those made in discharge of the principal and interest of the national debt, will show that the public faith has been exactly maintained. To these will be added an estimate of appropriations necessary for the ensuing year. This last will of course be affected by such modifications of the system of expense as you shall think proper to adopt.

A statement has been formed by the Secretary of War, on mature consideration, of all the posts and stations where garrisons will be expedient, and of the number of men requisite for each garrison. The whole amount is considerably short of the present Military establishment. For the surplus no particular use can be pointed out. For defence against invasion, their number is as nothing ; nor is it considered needful or safe that a standing army should be kept up, in time of peace, for that purpose. Uncertain as we must ever be of the particular point in our circumference where an enemy may choose to invade us, the only force which can be ready at every point, and competent to oppose them, is the body of neighboring citizens, as formed into a militia. On these, collected from the parts most convenient, in numbers proportioned to the invading force, it is best to rely, not only to meet the first attack, but, if it threatens to be permanent, to maintain the defence until regulars may be engaged to relieve them. These considerations render it important that we should, at every session, continue to amend the defects which, from time to time, show themselves, in the laws for regulating the militia, until they are sufficiently perfect : nor should we now, or at any time, separate, until we can say we have done every thing for the militia which we could do, were an enemy at our door.

The provisions of military stores on hand will be laid before you, that you may judge of the additions still requisite.

With respect to the extent to which our Naval preparations should be carried, some difference of opinion may be expected to appear : but just attention to the circumstances of every part of the Union will doubtless reconcile all. A small force will probably continue to be wanted, for actual service, in the Mediterranean. Whatever annual sum beyond that you may think proper to appropriate to Naval preparations, would perhaps be better employed in providing those articles which may be kept without waste or consumption, and be in readiness when any exigence calls them into use. Progress has been made, as will appear by papers now communicated, in providing materials for seventy-four gun ships, as directed by law.

How far the authority given by the legislature for procuring and establishing sites for Naval purposes, has been perfectly understood and pursued in the execution, admits of some doubt. A statement of the expenses already incurred on that subject shall be laid before you. I have, in certain cases, suspended or slackened these expenditures, that the legislature might determine whether so many yards are necessary as have been contemplated. The works at this place are among those permitted to go on : and five of the seven frigates directed to be laid up, have been brought and laid up here, where, besides the safety of their position, they are under the eye of the Executive administration, as well as of its agents, and where yourselves also will be guided by your own view, in the legislative provisions respecting them, which may, from time to time, be necessary. They are preserved in such condition, as well the vessels as whatever belongs to them, as to be at all times ready for sea on a short warning. Two others are yet to be laid up, so soon as they shall have received the repairs requisite to put them also into sound condition. As a superintending officer will be necessary at each yard, his duties and emoluments, hitherto fixed by the Executive, will be a more proper subject for legislation. A communication will also be made of our progress in the execution of the law respecting the vessels directed to be sold.

The fortifications of our harbors, more or less advanced, present considerations of great difficulty. While some of them are on a scale sufficiently proportioned to the advantages of their position, to the efficacy of their protection, and the importance of the points within it, others are so extensive, will cost so much in their first erection, so much in their maintenance, and require such a force to garrison them, as to make it questionable what is best now to be done. A statement of those commenced or projected, of the expenses already incurred, and estimates of their future cost, as far as it can be

foreseen, shall be laid before you, that you may be enabled to judge whether any alteration is necessary in the laws respecting this subject.

Agriculture, manufactures, commerce, and navigation, the four pillars of our prosperity, are then most thriving, when left most free to individual enterprise. Protection from casual embarrassments, however, may sometimes be seasonably interposed. If, in the course of your observations or inquiries, they should appear to need any aid, within the limits of our constitutional powers, your sense of their importance is a sufficient assurance they will occupy your attention. We cannot, indeed, but all feel an anxious solicitude for the difficulties under which our carrying trade will soon be placed. How far it can be relieved, otherwise than by time, is a subject of important consideration.

The Judiciary system of the United States, and especially that portion of it recently erected, will, of course, present itself to the contemplation of Congress; and that they may be able to judge of the proportion which the institution bears to the duty it has to perform, I have caused to be procured from the several States, and now lay before Congress, an exact statement of all the causes decided since the first establishment of the courts, and of those which were depending when additional courts and judges were brought in to their aid.

And while on the judiciary organization, it will be worthy your consideration whether the protection of the inestimable institution of juries has been extended to all the cases involving the security of our persons and property. Their impartial selection also being essential to their value, we ought further to consider whether that is sufficiently secured in those States where they are named by a marshal depending on Executive will, or designated by the court, or by officers dependent on them.

I cannot omit recommending a revisal of the laws on the subject of naturalization. Considering the ordinary chances of human life, a denial of citizenship under a residence of fourteen years, is a denial to a great proportion of those who ask it; and controls a policy pursued, from their first settlement, by many of these States, and still believed of consequence to their prosperity. And shall we refuse to the unhappy fugitives from distress, that hospitality which the savages of the wilderness extended to our fathers arriving in this land? Shall oppressed humanity find no asylum on this globe? The Constitution, indeed, has wisely provided that, for admission to certain offices of important trust, a residence shall be required sufficient to develope character and design. But might not the general character and capabilities of a citizen be safely communicated to every one manifesting a *bona fide* purpose of embarking his life and fortunes permanently with us? with restrictions, perhaps, to guard against the fraudulent usurpation of our flag; an abuse which brings so much embarrassment and loss on the genuine citizen, and so much danger to the nation of being involved in war, that no endeavor should be spared to detect and suppress it.

These, fellow citizens, are the matters respecting the state of the nation, which I have thought of importance to be submitted to your consideration at this time. Some others of less moment, or not yet ready for communication, will be the subject of separate messages. I am happy in this opportunity of committing the arduous affairs of our Government to the collected wisdom of the Union. Nothing shall be wanting on my part to inform, as far as in my power, the legislative judgment, nor to carry that judgment into faithful execution. The prudence and temperance of your discussions will promote, within your own walls, that conciliation which so much befriends rational conclusion; and, by its example, will encourage among our constituents that progress of opinion which is tending to unite them in object and in will. That all should be satisfied with any one order of things is not to be expected; but I indulge the pleasing persuasion that the great body of our citizens will cordially concur in honest and disinterested efforts, which have for their object to preserve the General and State Governments in their constitutional form and equilibrium; to maintain peace abroad, and order and obedience to the laws at home; to establish principles and practices of administration favorable to the security of liberty and property, and to reduce expenses to what is necessary for the useful purposes of Government.

TH. JEFFERSON.

Ordered, That the said letter and communication be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1801.

Another member, to wit : John Campbell, from Maryland, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A petition of Polly Cumming was presented to the House and read, praying that she may receive the pay and other emoluments due for the services of her late husband, Samuel Cumming, who was killed in an engagement with the Indians, on the 4th day of November, 1791, whilst a soldier in the Army of the United States.

Also, a petition of Peter Harvey, of Bernardston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may be allowed the arrearages of pay and clothing due for his services as a soldier in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Ephraim Davis, of the county of Middlesex, in the State of Massachusetts, for himself and the other heirs of Isaac Davis, deceased, praying compensation for the services of the deceased, who was killed whilst a captain of a company of militia, at the battle of Concord, in the said State, on the 19th day of April, in the year 1775.

Also, a petition of Joseph Eaker, late of Northumberland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments due to him as a surgeon in the hospital department, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Joseph Goss, a physician and surgeon, appointed to attend the sick and wounded officers and soldiers of General Pulaski's legion of the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of Montgomery and Newbold, and of John Slesman, for himself and Godfrey Haga, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, and native citizens, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may be allowed the drawback on a return cargo from the East Indies, about to be imported under orders given previous to the passing of the act of Congress of the 13th of May, 1800, by which they would otherwise be subject to the duties imposed by law on foreign vessels.

Also, a memorial of sundry brush manufacturers of the city of Baltimore, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying a repeal of the duties at present imposed by the revenue laws of the United States, on bristles imported from foreign countries ; and that an additional duty may be laid on imported brushes.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Henry Mumbower and others was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of the fines and penalties incurred by the petitioners, for a supposed attempt to impede the execution of the law laying a tax on lands and dwelling houses within the United States, and for which they were convicted and sentenced by the Circuit Court of the United States for the district of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Leib, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Johnson ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the year 1800, together with a letter from the Register of the Treasury, in relation thereto ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1801.

A petition of sundry aliens, residing in the city of New York, and its vicinity, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniences and hardships to which they have been, and are now subjected, by the operation of the existing laws of Congress relative to the naturalization of the citizens or subjects of foreign Princes or States intending to reside within the United States, and praying that such amendments or modification of the said laws may be made as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of sundry citizens of the county of Montgomery, in the said State of New York, and aliens now resident of the same place, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A petition of Alexander Hill, now a resident of Harford county, in the State of Mary-

land, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive a certificate for the bounty of land due for his services as a soldier in the Pennsylvania line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Sarah Fletcher and Jane Ingraham, widows and relicts of Patrick Fletcher, late commander of the United States' frigate *Insurgent*, and of Joseph Ingraham, late a lieutenant on board the United States' brigantine of war *Pickering*, was presented to the House and read, praying that the petitioners may receive, for and during their respective lives, an annuity equivalent to the half pay of their husbands, respectively, in consideration of their loss, in the capacities aforesaid, with their vessels and crews, whilst in the public service of the United States, some time in the year 1800.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Eustis, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Stanton ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Elmendorf, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, a letter from Thomas Claxton, the Doorkeeper of this House, relative to certain expenditures, and further assistance necessary to be allowed for enabling him to execute the duties of his station, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That Thomas Claxton be, and is hereby, authorized to employ, under his immediate direction, one additional assistant, two servants, and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services and duties as are usually required by the House of Representatives, during the present session, and for four days thereafter ; and that the sum of five dollars and seventy-five cents per day be allowed to him for that purpose ; and that he be paid therefor out of the fund appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House.

A petition of John Holland, junior, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that the collector of the port of Boston and Charlestown may be authorized to make such abatement of the duties accruing on the cargo of the schooner *Hazard*, the property of the petitioner, as may be equivalent to the loss and injury he sustained in consequence of the said schooner's taking fire in the harbor of Boston, and being scuttled by order of the fire wardens of the said port.

Also, a petition of William Oliver, of the said town of Boston, praying relief in the case of certain debenture bonds issued by the collector of the port of Boston and Charlestown, in favor of Abner Fairbanks, the importer, and by him, under an order from the exporter, endorsed to the petitioner, being for the amount of drawback on certain goods and merchandise imported by the said Abner Fairbanks, and afterwards exported by Benjamin M'Intire, the endorser of the bonds aforesaid to the petitioner, he, the said Fairbanks having since absconded from the United States, and the said collector now refusing to issue new debenture bonds in favor of the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have proceeded to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on their part, and the Reverend Mr. Gant has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States ; and that the said committee have power to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Southard, Mr. Archer, Mr. New, Mr. Boude, Mr. Butler, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Lemuel Williams, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have appointed Mr. Wright of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House ; and, upon examining the ballots, the majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend William Parkinson.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1801.

Several other members, to wit : from New Hampshire, Joseph Peirce ; from Massachusetts, Peleg Wadsworth ; from Virginia, Thomas Claiborne and John Clopton ; and, from North Carolina, William H. Hill ; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the lower and Western counties of the State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that the present post road from Philadelphia, through Salem, to Bridgetown, may be discontinued, and that a new post road may be established from Philadelphia, through Woodbury, in Gloucester county, Bridgetown, Millville, and Port Elizabeth, in Cumberland county, to be extended to the lower end of Cape May county, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, yesterday, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts for establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of Joseph Chase, of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, merchant, and a citizen of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the collector of the port of Nantucket may be authorized to grant to the petitioner a register for a certain ship called the Neptune, originally built in the East Indies, which was purchased and repaired by the petitioner, and employed by him in the whale fishery of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Milledge, from the Committee of Elections, reported that the committee had, according to order, in part, examined the certificates and other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, and had agreed upon a report ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth :

“ It appears to your committee that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House, to wit :

From New Hampshire,

{ Samuel Tenney,
Abiel Foster,
George Baxter Upham.

From Massachusetts,

{ Lemuel Williams,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Joseph B. Varnum,
William Shepard,
Nathan Read,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Bacon,
William Eustis,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Smith.

From Connecticut,

{ Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Elias Perkins,
John C. Smith,
Benjamin Tallmadge.

From Rhode Island,

{ Joseph Stanton,
Thomas Tillinghast.

From New York,

{ John P. Van Ness,
Theodorus Bailey,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John Smith,
Lucas Elmendorf,
David Thomas,
Killian K. Van Rensselaar,
Benjamin Walker,
Thomas Morris.

From New Jersey,

{ John Condict,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Helms,
James Mott,
Henry Southard.

From Pennsylvania,

{ William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Joseph Hemphill,
Joseph Heister,
John A. Hanna,
Robert Brown,
Isaac Van Horn,
Thomas Boude,
John Stewart,
Andrew Gregg,
Henry Woods,
John Smilie,
William Hoge.

From Delaware,

James A. Bayard.

From Virginia,

{ John Randolph,
John Clopton,
Thomas Newton,
John Stratton,
David Holmes,
John Taliaferro,
Samuel J. Cabell,
William B. Giles,
Matthew Clay,
George Jackson,
Philip R. Thompson,
John Trigg,
Richard Brent,
Edwin Gray,
Anthony New,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Smith.

From North Carolina,

{ Nathaniel Macon,
Charles Johnson,
James Holland,
John Stanley,
Robert Williams,
Archibald Henderson.

From South Carolina,

{ Thomas Sumter,
William Butler.

From Georgia,

John Milledge.

From Tennessee,

William Dickson.

From the Territory Northwest
of the Ohio,

{ Paul Fearing.”

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Samuel Meredith, late Treasurer of the United States, accompanying his general accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred, to the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and one, inclusive ; also, his accounts of receipts and expenditures for the Navy and War Departments, commencing the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred, and ending the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and one ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act, entitled “An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters ;” and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Holland, Mr. John Smith, of Virginia, and Mr. Lowndes, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to report whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the laws imposing duties on the tonnage of ships or vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandises, imported into the United States:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1801.

Another member, to wit: Lewis R. Morris, from the State of Vermont, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A memorial of John Hobby, late Marshal of the District of Maine, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, stating that he is now, and has been for more than five months past, confined in Portland gaol, in the said State, for a debt due from the memorialist to the United States, which he is unable to pay; and praying such relief in consideration of his past services, advanced age, and injuries sustained in his health by the imprisonment to which he has been subject, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Caleb Eddy, now residing at Norton, in the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of the confiscation of certain lands, the property of the petitioner, in the province of Nova Scotia, to which he has been subjected in consequence of his attachment to the American cause, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The House proceeded to consider the said petition at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims do inquire into the expediency of extending to the Refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, a further time for exhibiting their claims for lands, under the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the Refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

Ordered, That the memorial of Philip Sloan, presented on the twenty-sixth day of February last, be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Davis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of James M'Cashen and others, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report and estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and two; also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States, for one year preceding the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and one; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journal of the last session, and report therefrom all such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A petition of John Hoxie, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, mariner, was presented to the House and read, praying that an act may pass to commute the pension heretofore granted him in consideration of the loss of his right arm in the Naval service of the United States. Also, a petition of John Corbett, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore allowed him in consideration of wounds received whilst a soldier in the fifth Virginia regiment on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, or such farther relief as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the memorial of Philip Lightfoot, presented the eleventh day of December, one thousand eight hundred, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report whether moneys drawn from the Treasury have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for ; and to report, likewise, whether any further arrangements are necessary to promote economy, enforce adherence to legislative restrictions, and secure the accountability of persons entrusted with the public money.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Giles, Mr. Hastings, Mr. Jones, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Elmendorf, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and are as follow :

Resolved, That the apportionment of Representatives amongst the several States, according to the second enumeration of the people, ought to be in a ratio of one representative for every thirty-three thousand persons in each State.

Resolved That the laws respecting naturalization ought to be revised and amended.

Ordered, That the said resolutions do lie on the table.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the petition of Joseph Eaker, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Joseph Eaker ought not to be granted.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency or inexpediency of giving further time to persons entitled to military land warrants to obtain and locate the same.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to report what provision ought to be made, by law, to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants ; and that the committee also report, what provision ought to be made, by law, to authorize the Secretary of War to issue duplicates where satisfactory proof is made that the originals have been lost, destroyed, or obtained by fraud.

Ordered, That Mr. Davis, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Talmage, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Fearing, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolutions.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1801.

A memorial of William Kilty, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, was presented to the House and read, stating that by the last section of an act of the last session of Congress for altering the time and places of holding certain courts therein mentioned, it has been made the duty of the memorialist to hold the District Courts of the United States in and for the District of Potomac, in virtue of his office under a prior act of Congress concerning the District of Columbia ; and praying an increase of the compensation allowed him by law, in consideration of the additional labor and inconvenience to which he is thereby subjected.

Also, a petition of Philip Wilson, of the City of Philadelphia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a quantity of rice and claret, furnished by the petitioner for the use of the Continental Army, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, of which he has been hitherto debarred by the operation of the acts of limitation.

Also, a petition of Andrew M'Guire, praying relief in consideration of wounds received, whilst a soldier in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the tenth instant, the petition of William Oliver, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said William Oliver ought not to be

granted ; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition, with the papers accompanying the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the petition of Joseph Chase, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Joseph Chase ought not to be granted.

The House proceeded to consider the resolutions reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union : Whereupon,

The first resolution being again read, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That the apportionment of representatives amongst the several States, according to the second enumeration of the people, ought to be in a ratio of one Representative for every thirty-three thousand persons in each State :

Ordered, That the consideration of the said first resolution be postponed until to-morrow.

The second resolution being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the laws respecting naturalization ought to be revised and amended.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Stanford, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the petition of Peter Harvey, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Peter Harvey ought not to be granted.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That it is expedient that the President be authorized, by law, further and more effectually to protect the commerce of the United States against the Barbary Powers.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Eustis, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Dana, Mr. Mitchell, and Mr. Jones, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the committee to whom it was referred to report by bill, or otherwise, whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments are necessary in the acts concerning post offices and post roads, that they make provision for extending the privilege of franking to the Attorney General of the United States.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1801.

Another member, to wit : Benjamin Huger, from South Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying an annual return, ending the ninth instant, containing an abstract of all the returns made to him by the Collectors for the different ports in the United States, pursuant to the " Act for the relief and protection of American seamen ;" also, extracts from the communications received from the Agents in foreign countries for the relief of American seamen ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the petition of Polly Cumming, made a report ; which was read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the ninth and fourteenth instant, the petitions of Joseph Goss, of John Corbett, and of John Hoxie, made reports thereon ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Joseph Goss, John Corbett, and John Hoxie, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Milledge, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred, on the eighth instant, the credentials of Narsworthy Hunter, who has appeared as a Delegate from the Territory of the United States known by the name of the Mississippi Territory, with directions to report whether the Territory is entitled to elect a Delegate who may have a seat in this House, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Milledge, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined several other certificates or credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, and had agreed upon a farther report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"It appears to your committee that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to entitle them to their seats in the House, to wit:

From New Hampshire,	Joseph Peirce.
From Vermont,	{ Lewis R. Morris, and Israel Smith.
From Maryland,	{ John Archer, John Campbell, John Dennis, Daniel Heister, Joseph H. Nicholson, Thomas Plater, Samuel Smith, and Richard Sprigg, jun.
From Virginia,	Abram Trigg.
From Kentucky,	{ Thomas T. Davis, and John Fowler.
From North Carolina,	{ Willis Alston, William H. Hill, and Richard Stanford.
From South Carolina,	{ Thomas Lowndes, and Thomas Moore."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the petition of Hugh White and Richard Martin, presented the twenty-first day of April, one thousand eight hundred, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made the nineteenth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to consider the first resolution reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the apportionment of Representatives amongst the several States, according to the second enumeration of the People, ought to be in a ratio of one Representative for every thirty-three thousand persons in each State.

And, after debate thereon, the question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Van Ness, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. Stanton, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the several petitions of Jacob Barnitz, Margaret Culbertson, James Denniston, John Follawell, John Hall, Mary Hay, Charles Hyde, Leonard Jarvis, Peter Charles L'Enfant, William Milton and others, Thomas Parker, William Ray, Miles Riley, and Matthias Shroyer, which were reported on by the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, from the Journal of the last session, as then depending and undetermined, be referred to the Committee of Claims,

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1801.

Another member, to wit: Daniel Heister, from Maryland, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying two statements of the importations in American and foreign vessels, from the first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, to the thirtieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine; also, similar statements, from the first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, enclosing a report made to them by the Secretary of the Treasury, and a statement of the proceedings which have been authorized by the Board since their report of the twenty-eighth of November, one thousand eight hundred; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Van Ness, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, measures can be devised to expedite the printing requisite for this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1801.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed, yesterday, to inquire whether any, and what, measures can be devised to expedite the printing requisite for this House, made a report; which was read, in the words following, to wit:

1. "That it would tend, in a great degree to facilitate the business of the House, if the several Heads of Departments were respectively authorized and enjoined to cause to be printed, under their immediate inspection, all such documents, reports, and statements, as are directed by law to be annually laid before the House.

2. "That it is expedient to appoint a printer to this House, who may be responsible to it for the faithful and prompt execution of all business which may be confided to him, by order of the House."

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The first clause contained in the said report being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second clause contained in the said report being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said first clause be referred to Mr. Randolph, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris, with instruction to report a provision in conformity thereto.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1801.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Giles have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days, and Mr. John Taliaferro for one week.

A petition of Edward Armstrong was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of services rendered, and injuries sustained, whilst a soldier in the ninth regiment of the Pennsylvania line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of William Ellis, of the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, a Captain of a company of men in the service of the United States, from the State of New Hampshire, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, praying that he may receive the commutation of five years' full pay, in lieu of half pay for life, and other emoluments allowed to officers of his rank, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by the resolutions and ordinances of Congress, under the former Government of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may pass to authorize the Corporation of the said town more effectually to enforce the collection of taxes for corporate purposes.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the said District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that Congress will adopt such regulations for the purchase and sale of victuals and provisions, as may tend to establish and support a market in the said city.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia, and to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Randolph, from the joint committee appointed, on the seventh instant, to take into consideration a statement made by the Secretary of the Senate, respecting books and maps purchased pursuant to a late act of Congress, and to make report respecting the future arrangement of the same, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be directed to cause to be furnished to each member of the two Houses of Congress, a copy of the laws of the sixth Congress :

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the tenth and fifteenth instant, the petitions of Alexander Hill, and of Andrew M'Guire, made reports thereon; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Alexander Hill and Andrew M'Guire cannot be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a report and sundry statements prepared in pursuance of the act "Supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department;'" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the credentials of Narsworthy Hunter, who has appeared as a Delegate from the Territory of the United States known by the name of the Mississippi Territory; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and having amended the same, had directed him to report it so amended, as followeth :

Resolved, That the Mississippi Territory is entitled to elect a Delegate to Congress, with the right to debate, but not to vote.

"Your committee further report, that, from an examination of the credentials of Narsworthy Hunter, it is the opinion of your committee that the said Narsworthy Hunter is duly elected, by the General Assembly of the Mississippi Territory, a Delegate to the seventh Congress of the United States."

So much of the said report of the Committee of the Whole House as is contained in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That the Mississippi Territory is entitled to elect a Delegate to Congress, with the right to debate, but not to vote; was, on the question put thereupon,

Agreed to by the House, { Yeas 77,
 { Nays 8.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Willis Alston,
 James A. Bayard,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Thomas Boude,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dennis,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Roger Griswold,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Huger,
 George Jackson,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Ebenezer Mattoon,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,
 James Mott,
 Thomas Moore,

Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph Pierce,
 Elias Perkins,
 Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 William Shepard,
 Israel Smith,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Smith, *of New York*,
 John Smith, *of Virginia*,
 Josiah Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Sprigg,
 John Stanley,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 John Stratton,
 John Taliaferro, jun. *of Virginia*,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 George B. Upham,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horn,
 Killian Van K. Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Benjamin Walker,
 Lemuel Williams,
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bacon,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 William Eustis,
 Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 Richard Stanford.

Ordered, That the residue of the said report of the Committee of the Whole House do lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying two statements, marked (A) and (B) relating to the Internal Revenues of the United States; also, a letter to him from the Commissioner of the Revenue, explanatory thereof; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion,

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for extending the privilege of franking to the Delegate, for the time being, from the Mississippi Territory; and for making the same compensation for his travel and attendance, that is allowed the Representatives of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Davis, Mr. Tillinghast, and Mr. Josiah Smith, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be authorized to report by bill, or bills, or otherwise, on all such matters as shall from time to time be referred to them by the House.

A petition of Peter Lee, a free negro, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of the loss of an eye, and other injuries received, whilst a soldier in the American Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

A motion being made, and the question put, that the said petition be referred to the consideration of the Committee of Claims, to examine and report thereon,

It passed in the negative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying two letters from the Commissioners of the City of Washington, and sundry documents exhibiting a state of their receipts and expenditures, and the progress made in the public buildings, from the 18th day of November, 1800, to the 18th of November, 1801; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1801.

Another member, to wit : John Rutledge, from South Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamped duties on debentures;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the fourth day of January next.

Mr. Davis, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented, according to order, a bill to extend the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Mississippi Territory, and making provision for his compensation; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the sixteenth instant, on the petition of Polly Cumming: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Polly Cumming have leave to withdraw her petition.

The House proceeded to consider the petition of Peter Lee, presented yesterday: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the object of the prayer of the petition of Peter Lee, being barred by the statute of limitation, cannot be granted; and, therefore, that the said petition be rejected.

Ordered, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition, with the papers accompanying the same.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That the laws for regulating the militia of the United States ought to be revised and amended.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, addition it may be necessary to make to the military stores of the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary in the laws respecting the fortifications of the harbors of the United States.

The first resolution being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution: and that

Mr. Daniel Heister, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Upham, Mr. Brown, Mr. John Smith, of Virginia, Mr. Huger, Mr. Helms, and Mr. Davis, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the consideration of the second and third of the said resolutions be postponed until Monday next.

An engrossed bill to extend the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Mississippi Territory, and making provision for his compensation, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to extend the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Mississippi Territory, and making provision for his compensation."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I now enclose sundry documents supplementary to those communicated to you with my message at the commencement of the session. Two others of considerable importance, the one relating to our transactions with the Barbary Powers ; the other presenting a view of the offices of the Government, shall be communicated as soon as they can be completed.

TH. JEFFERSON.

December 22, 1801.

The said message and accompanying documents were read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That such of the documents referred to in the said message, as relate to the transactions of the United States with the Barbary Powers, be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth instant, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills further and more effectually to protect the commerce of the United States against the Barbary Powers.

Ordered, That the other document referred to in the said message, containing a schedule of the whole number of persons within the district of Tennessee, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventeenth instant, the bill for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to several resolutions, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, "making provision for the disposition and arrangement of the books and maps purchased, pursuant to law, for a Congressional Library ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to lay before the House a statement of the present Military establishment ; together with an estimate of all the posts and stations where garrisons will be expedient, and of the number of men requisite for each garrison.

Ordered, That Mr. Gregg be added to the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia, in the room of Mr. Sumter, elected a Senator of the United States for the State of South Carolina.

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be, and they are hereby, authorized to adjourn the respective Houses on Thursday, the twenty-fourth instant, to Saturday, the second day of January next :

The said motion being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1801.

The Speaker laid before the House a plan of the lands of the United States within the boundary line Northwest of the river Ohio, transmitted by the Secretary of the Treas-

sury, as referred to in his report respecting the public debt and finances of the United States, received on the twenty-first instant : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said plan be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A petition of sundry citizens of the United States, resident in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, in the establishment of a company for the building of a bridge across the Potomac River, from the Western and Southern extremity of the Maryland Avenue, in the City of Washington, to the nearest and most convenient point of Alexander's Island, in the said river.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

Another return of the census of the State of Maryland is just received from the Marshal of that State, which he desires may be substituted as more correct than the one first returned by him, and communicated by me to Congress ; this new return, with his letter, is now laid before you.

TH. JEFFERSON.

December 23, 1801.

The said message, and the papers accompanying it, were read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventeenth instant, the bill for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions of the Senate making provision for the disposition and arrangement of the books and maps purchased pursuant to law for a Congressional Library ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolutions under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to some without amendment, and to others of the said resolutions with amendments ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions and amendments, as reported from the Committee of the Whole House : Whereupon,

The said resolutions being further amended at the Clerk's table, were, on a motion made and seconded, ordered to be committed to Mr. Randolph, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Elmer.

On motion,

Ordered, That the copy of the act of the British Parliament, entitled "An act for carrying into execution the Treaty of Amity, Commerce, and Navigation, concluded between His Majesty and the United States of America," heretofore transmitted to this House by the Secretary of State, be printed for the use of the members of both Houses.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1801.

A petition of Casper Schneider, of the Northern Liberties of the City of Philadelphia, distiller, was presented to the House and read, praying to be released from the payment of the last six months' duty upon his still, for the year one thousand eight hundred and one ; he having already paid the first six months' duty thereon, although his said still has been used during the first four months only, commencing from the month of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Connecticut, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a new post road may be established from New Haven to Litchfield, by the route of Woodbridge, Waterbury, and Waterton, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A petition of sundry merchants, mariners, ship-wrights, and others, resident within the County of Hyde, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a port of delivery may be established at the mouth of Slade's Creek, on the North side thereof, in the said County.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Andrew Geyer, Jonathan Meredith, Abraham Wilt, and David Meredith, of the City of Philadelphia, survivors of Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying to be exonerated and discharged from the forfeitures and penalties incurred by the petitioners, and the deceased, in his life time, as securities of George Gilbert and Jacob Gilbert, on account of a contract for supplying the Army of the United States with clothing, for certain reasons specified in the said petition, as also, a petition of the said George Gilbert and Jacob Gilbert, presented to this House, on the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Postmaster General, accompanying a list of post roads which have not produced one-third of the expense of carrying the mail on the same, after having been established for two years, transmitted in pursuance of the "Act to establish the post office of the United States;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House a table shewing the comparative duties paid, in the ports of Great Britain, on goods imported into Great Britain, in American, foreign, and British bottoms, since the fifth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, so far as the same respects the commerce of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying a statement of the present Military establishment of the United States, marked [A] and an estimate of all the posts and stations for which garrisons will be expedient, and of the number of men requisite, in his opinion, for each garrison, marked [B]; transmitted in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-second instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House the laws of the Northwestern and Indiana Territories imposing taxes on the lands of non-residents.

On a motion made and seconded,

Ordered, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration, be postponed until Monday, the fourth day of January next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1801.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying his report on the memorial of Philip Sloan, referred to him by order of the House, on the fourteenth instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, the petition of Philip Wilson, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Philip Wilson ought not be granted.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1801.

A petition of John Halsted was presented to the House and read, praying that the accounting officers of the Treasury Department may be authorized and directed to deduct the sum of four hundred dollars from the interest due on a claim of the petitioner, allowed by a resolution of Congress, under the former Government of the United States, passed the fourth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Thomas Stalling, of the County of Allegany, in the State of Maryland, distiller, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of part of the excise duty accruing on the entry and work of his still, for the year commencing in the month of June, one thousand eight hundred, in consideration of the loss of the petitioner's still-house, all his distilling apparatus, and other property, by fire, in the month of August, in the same year; or such other relief in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A petition of Thomas Stagg, jun. and Thomas Snell, of the City of New York, merchants, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the forfeiture of the schooner Virago and her cargo, the property of the petitioners, which was seized and condemned for going to a French port contrary to law; the same being occasioned by unavoidable necessity, and against the consent and express instructions of the petitioners.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of sundry citizens of the United States, resident in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are ~~thereunto~~ subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a bridge may be erected from the Western and Southern extremity of the Maryland Avenue, in the the City of Washington, to the nearest and most convenient point of Alexander's Island, in the river Potomac.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, to prepare and report such standing rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the petition of Ephraim Davis, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report such laws of the United States as have expired, or are near expiring, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth instant, the petition of Caspar Schneider, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Caspar Schneider ought not to be granted.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to whom were committed, on the twenty-third instant, the resolutions of the Senate, "Making provision for the disposition and arrangement of the books and maps purchased pursuant to law for a Congressional Library," as amended by this House, be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee last mentioned, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. Randolph, from the same committee, also reported a bill concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report and bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said

report and bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution contained in the report, and several amendments to the bill; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said report and amendments: Whereupon, The resolution contained in the report of the select committee being twice read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the House disagree to the said resolutions:

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution, and resolved in the affirmative.

The House then proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill; and the same being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill, with the amendments, be postponed until to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1801.

A petition of Elias B. Caldwell, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allowed him by law, and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services; also, that provision may be made, by law, for the safe-keeping of the books and records of the said Court.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Dennis, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Bishop; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Davis, from the committee appointed, on the fourteenth instant, to inquire into the expediency or in expediency of giving further time to persons entitled to military land warrants to obtain and locate the same; and, also, to report what provision ought to be made by law to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and duplicates of the same, where satisfactory proof is made that the originals have been lost, destroyed, or obtained by fraud, made a report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth instant, the petition of Thomas Stallings, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Thomas Stallings ought not to be granted.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first instant, the petition of Edward Armstrong, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Edward Armstrong ought not to be granted.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the sixteenth instant, the petition of Hugh White and Richard Martin, presented the twenty-first of April, one thousand eight hundred, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, of the nineteenth of February last, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Hugh White and Richard Martin ought not to be granted.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress; and the same being further amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That it is expedient to reduce the Military establishment of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that

Mr. Varnum, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Joseph Heister, Mr. Mott, and Mr. Thompson, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1801.

An engrossed bill concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of Paul Coulon, merchant, and a citizen of the French Republic, was presented to the House and read, praying indemnity and payment of certain claims against the United States for the amount and value of two prize vessels and their cargoes, and the incidental damages thereon, which were abandoned to the Government of the United States, and lost to the memorialist, sometime in the year 1798, in consequence of certain proceedings had and taken respecting the said two prize vessels by the collector of the port of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina.

Also, a petition of Constant Freeman, junior, a major in the present Army of the United States, praying that he may receive such compensation as has been heretofore allowed by law to the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, in consideration of the losses which he sustained whilst an inhabitant of Canada, by adhering to the American cause during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of John M'Intire, a citizen of the Northwestern Territory of the United States, praying relief in the case of a certain section of land in the said territory, the property of the petitioner, for which the register of the land office, in making out a certificate for a section of the same number with the one purchased by the petitioner, has committed an error, by transposing the number of the township and range, which would give to the petitioner a section of land he has no knowledge of, and which he never intended to purchase.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Morris and Somerset, and elsewhere, in the State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post office may be established at Basking Ridge, in the said county of Somerset.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the sixteenth, twenty-first, and twenty-fourth instant, the memorial of Leonard Jarvis, and the petitions of William Ellis, and of Andrew Geyer, Jonathan Meredith, Abraham Wilt, and David Meredith, made reports thereon; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said memorial and petitions ought not to be granted.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, as the opinion of this committee, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Naval preparations, and the establishment of sites for Naval purposes, ought to be referred to a select committee.

Ordered, That Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Johnson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to several resolutions, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, "in respect to Lieutenant Sterret, and the officers and crew of the United States' schooner Enterprize;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the laws laying duties upon stills and domestic distilled spirits, refined sugar, licenses to retailers, sales at auction, pleasurable carriages, duties on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, and postage on newspapers.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1802.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Milledge be appointed of the Committee of Ways and Means, in the room of Mr. Dickson, who is sick and unable to attend.

Another member, to wit: William Barry Grove, from North Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That Mr. Cabell have leave to be absent from the service of this House for twelve days.

Petitions of sundry aliens residing in the county of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying a modification or repeal of the act of Congress, passed the eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend, the act, entitled 'An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject.'"

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for a revision and amendment of the laws respecting naturalization.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Pelham through Windham to Londonderry, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee, appointed on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Cutler be added to the committee appointed, on the fourteenth ultimo, to inquire and report whether moneys drawn from the Treasury have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for; and to report, likewise, whether any further arrangements are necessary to promote economy; enforce adherence to legislative restrictions, and secure the accountability of persons entrusted with the public money; in the room of Mr. Hastings, who has not yet taken his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, enclosing a report from the Commissioners appointed under the act, entitled "An act for the better government of the Navy of the United States," passed the twenty-third of April, one thousand eight hundred, relative to the proceedings of the Board since their last report, dated the twenty-ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Samuel Dexter, late Secretary of War, praying to be indemnified in the case of a suit now pending against him in the capacity aforesaid, in the court of the United States for the District of Columbia, on account of a contract entered into with a certain Joseph Hodgson, in behalf of the United States, for the rent of a house in the City of Washington, as a War Office, in the year one thousand eight hundred, and which, whilst occupied as aforesaid, was consumed by fire.

Ordered, That the said letter be referred to Mr. Griswold, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Eustis, and Mr. Nicholson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the state of the Union under consideration, and come

to several resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow :

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to inquire whether any, and what, alteration should be made in the judicial establishment of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That provision ought to be made for securing the impartial selection of juries in the Courts of the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to inquire whether any, and what, reduction can be made in the civil Government of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. John Taliaferro, jun. Mr. Goddard, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Israel Smith, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Bailey, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first and second resolutions.

Ordered, That Mr. Bacon, Mr. Grove, Mr. Elmendorf, Mr. Hemphill, and Mr. Abram Trigg, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the third resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the memorial of John Hobby, late Marshal of the District of Maine, referred to him by order of the House, on the fourteenth ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ; also, tables exhibiting the accounts of the collectors and supervisors of the revenue for the same year ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the apportionment of representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1802.

A memorial of sundry aliens, residing in the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of an act of Congress, passed the eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject.'"

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for a revision and amendment of the laws respecting naturalization.

A memorial of Thomas K. Jones, of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Collector of the District of Boston and Charlestown may be authorized and directed to grant certificates of debenture in the case of a certain quantity of red wine imported by the memorialist from Malaga, and shipped by him on board the ship Enterprize, captain Hearsy, bound to Havana ; but owing to a misunderstanding of the directions given by the memorialist, he could not take the oath prescribed by law to enable him to obtain the said certificates of debenture.

Also, a petition of Andrew Cunningham Dorr and William Machett, of the said town of Boston, merchants, and citizens of the United States, praying that a new register may be granted in the case of the brigantine called the Francis Eliza, which was built at Portsmouth, in the State of New Hampshire, and captured and condemned at the island of Tobago, under the authority of the Spanish Government ; of which Government the said brigantine was purchased by the petitioners, and has since been employed by them in a trading voyage to the West Indies ; but, in consequence of the petitioners not being able to obtain a new register for the said brigantine, they have been subjected to the payment of the tonnage duties on foreign bottoms.

Also, a petition of Thomas Morgan and Joel Morgan, John Reynolds, William Chambers, and James Johnson, praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable the petitioners to carry on the manufacturing of stone ware within the United States, by

imposing additional duties on stone ware imported from foreign countries, or in any other manner that may encourage the said manufacture.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of James Clerk, of Prince George's county, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of the duties paid by the petitioner on his stills in the said county, in consideration of the loss and injury he has sustained by renting a distillery to a certain Hugh Henry M'Kearne ; who, after having had possession of the same for two years, absconded without paying any part of the rent due to the petitioner.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Lewis Du Pré was presented to the House and read, praying that such compensation may be allowed him, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper, for the purchase and publication of the principles of perfect motion, (vulgarly called *perpetual motion*,) which, as the petitioner suggests, have lately been discovered by him.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Southard, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Mitchell ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, settled on the lands claimed under grants from the State of Connecticut antecedent to the trial before the Court of Commissioners between the States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the authority of the Supreme Court of the United States to re-examine and reverse or affirm a final judgment or decree in the cases provided for in the 25th section of the Judiciary act, may be extended or declared already to extend to cases of criminal prosecutions as well as of civil actions ; that original and exclusive jurisdiction may, agreeably to the Constitution, be given to the proper courts of the United States in all controversies between citizens of the same State claiming lands under grants of different States ; and that the Supreme Court may be empowered, at their discretion, to direct the trial of such causes, to be holden in districts other than the States in which the two opposite titles are claimed, (unless the claimant under the other than that in which the land is, shall waive the right of trial in a Federal Court,) or that some other adequate relief may be granted in respect to the disputed claims of the petitioners for the lands aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, yesterday, to inquire whether any, and what, alteration should be made in the Judicial Establishment of the United States, and to report a provision for securing the impartial selection of juries in the courts of the United States.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the petition of John Halsted, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John Halsted cannot be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1802.

An engrossed bill for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration, was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 34,
Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Joseph Hemphill,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Elias Perkins,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John C. Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams,
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,

James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jr.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Stewart,
John Stratton,
John Taliaferro, jr.
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne.

And then the main question being put that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 85,
Nays 4.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Thomas Boude,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,

Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,

William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
William H. Hill,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Lewis R. Morris,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Joseph Peirce,
Elias Perkins,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jr.
Nathan Read,

John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John C. Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Stewart,
John Stratton,
John Taliaferro, jr.
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
George B. Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams,
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Davenport,
Thomas Morris,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Benjamin Walker.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration;" and that the Clerk of this House do carry it to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1802.

A memorial of Evan Thomas and others, a committee appointed for Indian Affairs by the yearly meeting of the people called Friends, held in the town of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying the attention and interference of Congress to prevent the supply of spiritous liquors to the Indian tribes residing in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, by traders and settlers on the frontiers, and to introduce among the said Indian tribes the most simple and useful arts of civil life.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Davis, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Randolph; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Isaac Zane was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to retain the possession of a certain tract of land which was granted to him by the Wyandot nation of Indians, and which, by the cession of lands since made by the said nation, falls within the boundary of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Fearing, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Elmer, and Mr. Josiah Smith; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of Samuel Brooke Beall, of Allegany County, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying the renewal and payment of certain final

settlement certificates granted to the memorialist in consideration of military services rendered by him as a Lieutenant in the second Maryland regiment on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which were casually lost some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of sundry delegates chosen by, and in behalf of, a number of aliens residing in the County of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal or amendment of an act of Congress, passed on the eighteenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject.'"

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for a revision and amendment of the laws respecting naturalization.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing a table shewing the comparative duties paid in the ports of Great Britain on goods imported into Great Britain, in American, foreign, and British bottoms, since the 5th of January, 1798, so far as the same respects the commerce of the United States, made in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the 24th ultimo; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Doughty, Principal Clerk in the office of the Treasurer of the United States, accompanying an account of Samuel Meredith, the late Treasurer, of receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of July to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and one; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement exhibiting the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and exported therefrom, during the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and one thousand eight hundred, in pursuance of a standing order of the House of the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That the report of the Secretary of the Treasury of the fourth instant, on the memorial of John Hobby, late Marshal of the District of Maine, which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the second and third resolutions reported, on the twenty-second ultimo, from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and the same being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, addition it may be necessary to make to the military stores of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary in the laws respecting the fortifications of the harbors of the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Gregg, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Cutts, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Eustis, Mr. Davis, Mr. Walker, Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, and Mr. Jones, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the second resolution.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee appointed on the fifteenth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States in the Mediterranean and adjoining seas; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nicholson, one of the Members for the State of Maryland, presented a letter from the Governor of the said State, addressed to the Representatives of the said State in Congress, accompanying the copy of a resolution passed during the last session of the Legislature of Maryland, with sundry documents, numbered 3, 4, and 5, respecting the loans heretofore made by the said State to the Commissioners of the city of Washington; which were read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said letter and documents be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of James Clerk, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said James Clerk ought not to be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the twenty-ninth ultimo, appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made one amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

At the end of the standing rules and orders reported by the select committee, "*touching the duty of the Speaker*," add the following rule, to wit:

"Stenographers shall be admitted, and the Speaker shall assign such places to them on the floor as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House."

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded to amend the same so as to read as followeth:

"Stenographers may be admitted under the direction of the Speaker, who shall assign to them such places on the floor as will not interfere with the convenience of the House."

And, on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment to the amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 27,
Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Campbell,
Samuel W. Dana,
Franklin Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Elias Perkins,
Thomas Plater,

Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Hoge,

James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,

**Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junior,
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, junior,
David Thomas,**

Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the said amendment, by inserting after the words "stenographers shall," the following words: "until otherwise ordered by the House:"

And, the question being taken thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

And then the main question being put that the House do agree to the amendment for an additional rule as reported from the Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 47,
 { Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, junior,
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jr.
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bacon,
John Campbell,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Daniel Heister,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,

James Mott,
Elias Perkins,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
Josiah Smith,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said standing rules and orders, amended to read as followeth :

Rules and Orders for conducting business in the House of Representatives of the United States.

First—Touching the duty of the Speaker.

He shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members to order; and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the journal of the preceding day to be read.

He shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members.

He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "As many as are of opinion that (as the case may be) say Ay;" and, after the affirmative voice is expressed, "As many as are of a contrary opinion, say No." If the Speaker doubts, or a division be called for, the House shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative. If the Speaker still doubts, or a count be required, the Speaker shall name two members, one from each side, to tell the numbers in the affirmative; which being reported, he shall then name two others, one from each side, to tell those in the negative; which being also reported, he shall rise, and state the decision to the House.

All committees shall be appointed by the Speaker, unless otherwise specially directed by the House, in which case they shall be appointed by ballot; and if, upon such ballot, the number required shall not be elected by a majority of the votes given, the House shall proceed to a second ballot, in which a plurality of votes shall prevail; and in case a greater number than are required to compose or complete the committee shall have an equal number of votes, the House shall proceed to a further ballot or ballots.

In all cases of ballot by the House, the Speaker shall vote; in other cases he shall not vote, unless the House be equally divided, or unless his vote, if given to the minority, will make the division equal; and, in case of such equal division, the question shall be lost.

All acts, addresses, and joint resolutions, shall be signed by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants, or subpoenas, issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal, attested by the Clerk.

In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the gallery or lobby, the Speaker (or chairman of the Committee of the Whole House) shall have power to order the same to be cleared.

Stenographers shall be admitted; and the Speaker shall assign such places to them on the floor, as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House.

Secondly.—Of Decorum and Debate.

When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the House, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to Mr. Speaker.

If any member, in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the House, the Speaker shall, or any member may, call to order; in which case, the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain, and the House shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate.* If there be no appeal, the decision of the chair shall be submitted to. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, and the case require it, he shall be liable to the censure of the House.

When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Speaker shall name the member who is first to speak.

No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave of the House, nor more than once, until every member, choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

Whilst the Speaker is putting any question, or addressing the House, none shall walk out of, or across, the House; nor, in such case, or when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse, nor, whilst a member is speaking, shall pass between him and the Chair.

No member shall vote on any question, in the event of which he is immediately and particularly interested; or in any other case, where he was not present when the question was put.

Upon a division and count of the House on any question, no member without the bar shall be counted.

Every member who shall be in the House when a question is put shall give his vote, unless the House, for special reasons, shall excuse him.

When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Speaker, or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Chair, and read aloud by the Clerk, before debated.

Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Speaker or any member desire it.

After a motion is stated by the Speaker, or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, unless to amend it, to commit it for the previous question, to postpone it to a day certain, or to adjourn.

A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, and shall be decided without debate.

The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by five members; and, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment and further debate of the main question.

On a previous question, no member shall speak more than once without leave.

Any member may call for the division of a question, where the sense will admit of it.

A motion for commitment, until it is decided, shall preclude all amendment of the main question.

Motions and reports may be committed at the pleasure of the House.

No new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate.

When a question has been once made and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for the reconsideration thereof.

When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the House.

The unfinished business, in which the House was engaged at the time of the last adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day; and no motion on any other business shall be received, without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

In all other cases of ballot, than for committees, a majority of the votes given shall be necessary to an election; and when there shall not be such majority on the first ballot, the ballot shall be repeated until a majority be obtained.

In all cases, when others than members of the House may be eligible, there shall be a previous nomination.

If a question depending be lost by adjournment of the House, and revived on the succeeding day, no member, who has spoken twice on the day preceding, shall be permitted again to speak without leave.

Every order, resolution, or vote, to which the concurrence of the Senate shall be necessary, shall be read to the House, and laid on the table, on a day preceding that in which the same shall be moved, unless the House shall otherwise expressly allow.

Petitions, memorials, and other papers, addressed to the House, shall be presented by the Speaker, or by a member in his place; a brief statement of the contents thereof shall verbally be made by the introducer, and shall not be debated or decided on the day of their being first read, unless where the House shall direct otherwise; but shall lie on the table, to be taken up in the order they were read.

Any fifteen members (including the Speaker, if there is one) shall be authorized to compel the attendance of absent members.

Upon calls of the House, or in taking the yeas and nays on any question, the names of the members shall be called alphabetically.

Any member may excuse himself from serving on any committee, at the time of his appointment, if he is then a member of two other committees.

No member shall absent himself from the service of the House, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

Upon a call of the House, the names of the members shall be called over by the Clerk, and the absentees noted; after which the names of the absentees shall be again called over: the doors shall then be shut, and those for whom no excuse, or insufficient excuses are made, may, by order of the House, be taken into custody, as they appear, or may be sent for and taken into custody, wherever to be found, by special messengers to be appointed for that purpose.

When a member shall be discharged from custody, and admitted to his seat, the House shall determine whether such discharge shall be with, or without, paying fees; and, in like manner, whether a delinquent member, taken into custody by a special messenger, shall, or shall not, be liable to defray the expense of said special messenger.

A Sergeant-at-Arms shall be appointed, to hold his office during the pleasure of the House, whose duty shall be to attend the House during its sitting; to execute the commands of the House, from time to time; together with all such process, issued by authority thereof, as shall be directed to him by the Speaker.

The fees of the Sergeant-at-Arms shall be : for every arrest, the sum of two dollars ; for each day's custody and releasement, one dollar ; and for travelling expenses of himself, or a special messenger, going and returning, one tenth of a dollar per mile.

Five standing committees shall be appointed at the commencement of each session, viz :

A Committee of Elections,

A Committee of Claims,

A Committee of Commerce and Manufactures,

A Committee of Ways and Means,

And a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to consist of three members.

To consist of seven members each ;

It shall be the duty of the said Committee of Elections to examine and report upon the certificates of election, or other credentials, of the members returned to serve in this House, and to take into their consideration all such petitions, and other matters touching election and returns, as shall or may be presented, or come in question, and be referred to them by the House.

It shall be the duty of the said Committee of Claims to take into consideration all such petitions, and matters or things touching claims and demands on the United States as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House ; and to report their opinion thereupon, together with such propositions for relief therein, as to them shall seem expedient.

It shall be the duty of the said Committee of Commerce and Manufactures to take into consideration all such petitions, and matters or things touching the commerce and manufactures of the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House ; and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon.

It shall be the duty of the said Committee of Ways and Means to take into consideration all such reports of the Treasury Department, and all such propositions relative to the revenue, as may be referred to them by the House ; to inquire into the state of the public debt, of the revenue, and of the expenditures, and to report, from time to time, their opinion thereon ; to examine into the state of the several public departments, and particularly into the laws making appropriations of moneys, and to report whether the moneys have been disbursed conformably with such laws ; and, also, to report, from time to time, such provisions and arrangements, as may be necessary to add to the economy of the departments, and the accountability of their officers.

It shall be the duty of the said Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business to examine and report what laws have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived or further continued ; also, to examine and report, from the Journal of the last session, all such matters as were then depending and undetermined.

No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

The Clerk of the House shall take an oath for the true and faithful discharge of the duties of his office, to the best of his knowledge and abilities ; and shall be deemed to continue in office until another be appointed.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the House, at the end of each session, to send a printed copy of the Journal thereof to the Executive, and to each branch of the Legislature, of every State.

Whenever confidential communications are received from the President of the United States, the House shall be cleared of all persons, except the members and the Clerk, and so continue during the reading of such communications, and (unless otherwise directed by the House) during all debates and proceedings to be had thereon. And when the Speaker, or any other member, shall inform the House that he has communications to make, which he conceives ought to be kept secret, the House shall, in like manner, be cleared till the communication be made : the House shall then determine whether the matter communicated requires secrecy or not, and take order accordingly.

Thirdly.—Of Bills.

Every bill shall be introduced by motion for leave, or by an order of the House on the report of a committee, and, in either case, a committee to prepare the same shall be appointed. In cases of a general nature, one day's notice, at least, shall be given of the motion to bring in a bill ; and every such motion may be committed.

Every bill shall receive three several readings in the House, previous to its passage ; and all bills shall be despatched in order as they were introduced, unless where the House shall direct otherwise ; but no bill shall be twice read on the same day, without special order of the House.

The first reading of a bill shall be for information, and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "Shall the bill be rejected?" If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill shall go to its second reading without a question.

Upon the second reading of a bill, the Speaker shall state it as ready for commitment or engrossment; and if committed, then a question shall be, whether to a select or standing committee, or to a Committee of the Whole House; if to a Committee of the Whole House, the House shall determine on what day. But if the bill be ordered to be engrossed, the House shall appoint the day when it shall be read the third time.

After commitment and report thereof to the House, a bill may be re-committed, or at any time before its passage.

All bills ordered to be engrossed, shall be executed in a fair round hand.

When a bill shall pass, it shall be certified by the Clerk, noting the day of its passing at the foot thereof.

Fourthly—Of Committees of the Whole House.

It shall be a standing order of the day, throughout the session, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House, on the state of the Union.

In forming a Committee of the Whole House, the Speaker shall leave his chair, and a Chairman to preside in committee shall be appointed by the Speaker.

Upon bills committed to a Committee of the Whole House, the bill shall be first read throughout by the Clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered; the body of the bill shall not be defaced or interlined; but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the Clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses, before a question to engross it be taken.

All amendments made to an original motion in committee, shall be incorporated with the motion, and so reported.

All amendments made to a report committed to a Committee of the Whole House shall be noted and reported as in the case of bills.

All questions, whether in committee, or in the House, shall be propounded in the order in which they were moved, except, that in filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

No motion or proposition for a tax, or charge upon the People, shall be discussed the day in which it is made or offered, and every such proposition shall receive its first discussion in a Committee of the Whole House.

No sum or quantum of tax or duty, voted by a Committee of the Whole House, shall be increased in the House until the motion or proposition for such increase shall be first discussed and voted in a Committee of the Whole House; and so in respect to the time of its continuance.

All proceedings, touching appropriations of money, shall be first moved and discussed in a Committee of the Whole House.

The rules of proceeding in the House shall be observed in committee, so far as they may be applicable, except the rule limiting the times of speaking.

That no person shall be admitted within the lobby, but members of the Senate, officers of the General or State Governments, foreign Ministers, and such as are introduced by the members of the House.

No standing rule or order of the House shall be rescinded without one day's notice being given of the motion therefor.

Joint Rules and Orders of the Two Houses.

In every case of an amendment of a bill agreed to in one House, and dissented to in the other, if either House shall request a conference, and appoint a committee for that purpose, and the other House shall also appoint a committee to confer, such committees shall, at a convenient hour, to be agreed on by their Chairman, meet in the conference chamber, and state to each other verbally, or in writing, as either shall chuse, the reasons of their respective Houses for and against the amendment, and confer freely thereon.

When a message shall be sent from the Senate to the House of Representatives, it

shall be announced at the door of the House, by the doorkeeper, and shall be respectfully communicated to the chair, by the person by whom it may be sent.

The same ceremony shall be observed, when a message shall be sent from the House of Representatives to the Senate.

Messages shall be sent by such persons, as a sense of propriety, in each House, may determine to be proper.

While bills are on their passage between the two Houses, they shall be on paper, and under the signature of the Secretary or Clerk of each House respectively.

After a bill shall have passed both Houses, it shall be duly enrolled on parchment, by the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or the Secretary of the Senate, as the bill may have originated in the one or the other House, before it shall be presented to the President of the United States.

When bills are enrolled, they shall be examined by a joint committee of one from the Senate, and two from the House of Representatives, appointed as a standing committee for that purpose, who shall carefully compare the enrolment with the engrossed bills, as passed in the two Houses, and, correcting any errors that may be discovered in the enrolled bills, make their report, forthwith, to the respective Houses.

After examination and report, each bill shall be signed in the respective Houses, first by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and then by the President of the Senate.

After a bill shall have thus been signed in each House, it shall be presented by the said committee to the President of the United States, for his approbation, it being first endorsed on the back of the roll, certifying in which House the same originated; which endorsement shall be signed by the Secretary or Clerk (as the case may be) of the House in which the same did originate, and shall be entered on the Journal of each House. The said committee shall report the day of presentation to the President, which time shall also be carefully entered on the Journal of each House.

All orders, resolutions, and votes, which are to be presented to the President of the United States, for his approbation, shall also in the same manner, be previously enrolled, examined, and signed, and shall be presented in the same manner, and by the same committee, as provided in case of bills.

When the Senate and House of Representatives shall judge it proper to make a joint address to the President, it shall be presented to him in his audience chamber, by the President of the Senate, in the presence of the Speaker and both Houses.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1802.

A petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Collector of the District and Port of Philadelphia may be authorized and directed to grant certificates of debenture for the drawback of duties on certain articles of merchandise of foreign growth and manufacture, exported by the petitioners from the said Port of Philadelphia; which certificates of debenture have been hitherto refused to be issued, in consequence of the petitioners not having taken the oath prescribed by law, although, in every other respect, they have complied with the requisites contained in the acts of Congress relative to that subject.

Also, a petition of John Drew, the elder, John Drew, the younger, Dolphin Drew, and others, residing in the neighborhood of Salmon creek, in the county of Bertie, and State of North Carolina, praying that a port of delivery may be established at a place called the Tombstone, on Salmon creek, aforesaid; and that the port of delivery heretofore established by law, at Bennet's creek, in the District of Edenton, may be abolished.

Also, a petition of Archibald Binney and James Ronaldson, of the city of Philadelphia, letter founders, praying a remission of the duties on a quantity of the regulus of antimony, imported by the petitioners from London, some time in the year 1800; and that the said article may, in future, be exempted from any duty on the importation thereof.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Joseph Ward, for himself and others, holders of certain bills of credit, emitted in pursuance of a resolution of Congress under the former Government of the United States, of the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, was presented to the House and read, praying that such provision may be made for the

payment of the amount of the principal and interest due on the said bills of credit, as the nature of the public engagement, and substantial justice will suggest.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Robert R. Richardson, of the city of Baltimore, was presented to the House and read, praying an additional compensation for his services as an Assistant to the Marshal of the State of Maryland, in taking the late census of the inhabitants assigned to him, as his division, by the said Marshal.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Washington and Tyrrell, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established once a week, from Plymouth to Robert Wynn's, on Scuppernong river, for the benefit of the petitioners and others within the said State.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Culpeper, in the State of Virginia, praying that a post road may be established from Culpeper Court house to New Market, in the county of Shenandoah; also, two post offices, one in the town of Woodville, in the said county of Culpeper, and another at Mundell's store, in the said county of Shenandoah.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Milledge, from the Committee of Elections, reported that the committee had, according to order, examined the certificates and other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House; and had agreed to a further report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"It appears to your committee, that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House, to wit:

From North Carolina, William Barry Grove.

From South Carolina, Benjamin Huger and John Rutledge."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the "Act respecting quarantine and health laws."

Ordered, That Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Leib, Mr. Archer, and Mr. Lowndes, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to cause to be laid before this House an estimate of the expenses which are necessary for the carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and the French Republic.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph and Mr. Bayard be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House such information and documents as are in possession of the Department of State, relative to spoliations committed on the commerce of the United States, under Spanish authority; and, also, relative to the imprisonment of the American Consul at Saint Jago de Cuba.

Ordered, That Mr. Bayard and Mr. Randolph be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed, on the fourteenth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency or in expediency of giving further time to persons entitled to military land warrants to obtain and locate the same; and, also, to report what provision ought to be made by law to authorize the Secretary of War to issue military land warrants, and duplicates of the same, where satisfactory proof is made that the originals have been lost, destroyed, or obtained by fraud;" which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said report be postponed until Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the fourth instant, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, the memorial of John Hobby, late Mar-

shal of the District of Maine ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1802.

Another member, to wit : Seth Hastings, from Massachusetts, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A memorial of Samuel Harvey Howard, Register of the Court of Chancery in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed, granting to the memorialist the same mode of recovery of the fees accruing to him in the capacity aforesaid, in cases of suits which have been instituted previous to an exercise of jurisdiction by Congress over that part of the territory of Columbia, ceded by the State of Maryland, and established as the permanent seat of the Government of the United States, as he can have by the laws of the said State, in any other part of Maryland.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing Government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A memorial of sundry merchants residing and trading in the city of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Collector for the District and port of New York may be authorized and directed to grant certificates of debenture on the drawback on certain articles of merchandise exported by the memorialists, from the said port of New York to New Orleans, which have been hitherto refused, in consequence of an opinion, assigned by the revenue officers of the said port, that debentures would be improperly granted for merchandise exported to a foreign port immediately adjoining to the United States ; and that such relief may be afforded in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Bruff, of Joseph, in the State of Maryland, dentist, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, to enable the petitioner to complete a machine for producing *perpetual motion*, or to perform continual revolutions without winding ; the principles of which he discovered in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Southard, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Mitchill, the committee to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Lewis Du Pré, on the same subject.

A petition of Sarah Blackden, of the city of New York, widow of Samuel Blackden, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that such compensation may be granted to the petitioner, for the services of the deceased, in various military capacities during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, as the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That Mr Hill have leave to be absent from the service of this House for one week.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do agree to an amendment to the eleventh rule of the joint rules and orders of this House, relating to "Committees of the Whole House," so as the said rule shall read as followeth :

"That no person shall be admitted within the bar of the lobby, but members of the Senate, officers of the General or State Governments, and foreign ministers."

And, on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I now communicate to you a memorial of the Commissioners for the city of Washington, together with a letter of later date, which, with their memorial of January the

twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and one, will possess the Legislature fully of the state of the public interests, and those of the city of Washington, confided to them. The moneys now due, and soon to become due to the State of Maryland, on the loan guarantied by the United States, call for an early attention. The lots in the city which are chargeable with the payment of these moneys, are deemed not only equal to the indemnification of the public, but to ensure a considerable surplus to the city, to be employed for its improvement, provided they are offered for sale only in sufficient numbers to meet the existing demand : but the act of one thousand seven hundred and ninety six requires that they shall be positively sold in such numbers as shall be necessary for the punctual payment of the loans. Nine thousand dollars of interest are lately become due ; three thousand dollars quarter yearly will continue to become due ; and five thousand dollars, an additional loan, are reimbursable on the first day of November next. These sums would require sales so far beyond the actual demand of the market, that it is apprehended that the whole property may be thereby sacrificed, the public security destroyed, and the residuary interest of the city entirely lost. Under these circumstances, I have thought it my duty, before I proceed to direct a rigorous execution of the law, to submit the subject to the consideration of the Legislature. Whether the public interest will be better secured in the end, and that of the city saved by offering sales commensurate only to the demand at market, and advancing from the Treasury in the first instance, what these may prove deficient, to be replaced by subsequent sales, rests for the determination of the Legislature. If indulgence for the funds can be admitted, they will probably form a resource of great and permanent value ; and their embarrassments have been produced only by overstrained exertions to provide accommodations for the Government of the Union.

TH. JEFFERSON.

January 11, 1802.

Ordered, That the said message, and the documents accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bayard, Mr. John Taliaferro, jun. Mr. Hastings, and Mr. Alston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the fourth instant, on the memorial of John Hobby, late Marshal of the District of Maine ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That it is expedient to appoint a committee to bring in a bill to authorize and direct the Marshal of the District of Maine to discharge from confinement John Hobby, late Marshal of the said district, on his making a surrender of all his property to the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. John Trigg, and Mr. Stewart, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Andrew Cunningham Dorr, and William Mackett, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petitioners.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the seventh instant, the memorial of Isaac Zane, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, a letter from Samuel Dexter, late Secretary of War, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be authorized to adjust the account of Samuel Dexter, Esq. for the expense which has arisen, or which may arise in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson, brought on the covenants in the lease of a house improved for a War Office ; and that the same be paid from the Treasury of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Griswold, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Eustis, and Mr. Nicholson, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee appointed, on the thirtieth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States, in the Mediterranean and adjoining seas; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House respecting "such information and documents as are in possession of the Department of State relative to spoliations committed on the commerce of the United States under Spanish authority, and to the imprisonment of the American Consul at Saint Jago de Cuba;" reported that the committee did, according to order, on Saturday last, perform the service assigned to them.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House respecting "an estimate of the expences which are necessary for the carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and the French Republic;" reported, that the committee did, according to order, on Saturday last, perform the service assigned to them.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions of the Senate, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, "in respect to Lieutenant Sterret, the officers and crew of the United States Schooner Enterprize;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said resolutions under consideration, and made some progress therein.

And on the question that the committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said resolutions,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that the said resolutions be referred to Mr. Tallmage, Mr. Eustis, and Mr. Dennis.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to lay before this House an estimate of the value of the annual exports, for the last five years, from the United States, to ports situated within the straits of Gibraltar; distinguishing the amount of those which consist of the growth or manufacture of the United States from all other exports.

A petition of Speed, Wilson, and Company, and other inhabitants of the county of Halifax, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from the store of Hugh Willic, in Charlotte county, from thence to the store of Speed and Wilson, in Halifax county, in the State of Virginia; from thence to Person Court-house and Hillsborough, in the State of North Carolina.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Claiborne, one of the members from Virginia, presented a letter, addressed to him, from sundry inhabitants of Mecklenburg county, in the said State of Virginia, to the same effect with the petition last mentioned; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1802.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, the petition of Caleb Eddy, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of extending to the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, a further time for exhibiting their claims for lands under the "Act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

According to the request in your resolution of the eighth instant, I now lay before you a letter from the Secretary of State, containing an estimate of the expenses necessary for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and the French Republic.

TH. JEFFERSON.

January 12th, 1802.

The said message, and papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duty on salt.

On which motion,

The previous question being called for by five members, to wit: "Shall the main question to agree to the said motion, be now put?"

And debate arising thereon, Mr. Bayard, the member from Delaware, was called to order by Mr. Randolph, one of the members from Virginia, on an opinion that he was debating the merits of the main question; and the Speaker having decided that the member from Delaware was in order,

An appeal was made to the House from the decision of the Chair; and, on the question, "Is the member from Delaware in order?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And then, after farther debate,

The previous question was taken, to wit: "Shall the main question to agree to the said motion be now put?"

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
William Hogue,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,

Joseph Pierce,
Elias Perkins,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams,
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
Andrew Gregg,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,

Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of Representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented, according to order, a bill, authorizing the discharge of John Hobby from his confinement; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1802.

A petition of David Meade Randolph, late marshal of the district of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that such compensation may be made for his services in the capacity aforesaid, in taking the second census of the inhabitants within his district, and for the incidental expenses incurred by the petitioner, in executing the duty assigned to him, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a memorial of Francis Cazeau, a citizen of France, and late merchant at Montreal, in the British province of Canada, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for various services rendered by the memorialist to the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; to which he conceives himself justly entitled, by resolutions of Congress, under the former Government.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial, together with a petition of John Carr, presented the twenty-first of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and two reports of committees thereon, made the twenty-second of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and the seventeenth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Peter Hunt, of the county of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, distiller, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duties accruing on certain stills, the property of the petitioner, which, in consequence of the overflowing of the river Delaware, and other unavoidable accidents, were rendered useless for a considerable time, during the year one thousand eight hundred.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of Robert R. Richardson, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed, on the eleventh instant, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That so much of the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business as relates to the claim of the legal representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the discharge of John Hobby from his confinement; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill with the amendments be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means be authorized to report by bill or bills, or otherwise, on all such matters as shall, from time to time, be referred to them by the House.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee last mentioned, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first, second, third, and fifth amendments.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the fourth, sixth, and seventh amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a bill or bills farther to continue in force an act passed on the first of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes,'" and that the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1802.

An engrossed bill authorizing the discharge of John Hobby from his confinement was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the discharge of John Hobby from his confinement."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the city of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed by law on the importation of hats from foreign countries as will encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Keneth Matheson, a native of Scotland, now an inhabitant of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Colombia, was presented to the House and read, pray-

ing that a law may be passed to entitle [the petitioner to the privileges and benefits of a citizen of the United States, in consideration of his coming within the same some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and intending to establish himself permanently therein; which privileges and benefits the petitioner could have possessed, but was ignorant of the provisions contained in the act of Congress, passed the twenty-ninth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject."

Also, a petition of John Tucker, a native of the Island of Bermuda; now residing in said the town of Alexandria, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for a revision and amendment of the laws respecting naturalization.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the petition of Peter Hunt, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration."

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to prevent intrusion on the public lands, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, the memorial of Philip Sloan; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to authorize the payment of two thousand eight hundred dollars to Philip Sloan, from the Treasury of the United States, as a full compensation for his claims.

Ordered, That Mr. Jones, Mr. Clopton, and Mr. Huger, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives among the several States, according to the second enumeration."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, on the first Monday in February next.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee, to whom was referred, on the seventh instant, the petition of Isaac Zane, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill authorizing the President of the United States to convey, in fee simple, to Isaac Zane, six sections of land, of one square mile each, within the Northwestern Territory, on any lands not heretofore appropriated, and that the Indian title thereto has been extinguished.

Ordered, That Mr. Jackson, Mr. Fearing, and Mr. Van Horne, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing certain laws of the Northwestern and Indiana Territories of the United States, in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twenty-fourth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Another member, to wit: John Dawson, from Virginia, appeared and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, of the twenty-first ultimo, "authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the members of both Houses with the laws of the Sixth Congress." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1803.

A petition of sundry citizens of the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to a petition from other citizens of the said District, presented on the twenty-third ultimo, "praying the aid and patronage of Congress in the establishment of a company for the building of a bridge across the Potomac river, from the Western and Southern extremity of the Maryland Avenue, in the city of Washington, to the nearest and most convenient point of Alexander's island, in the said river," was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing Government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A memorial of John Horne and others, surveyors of the revenue, in the city and county of Philadelphia, and some of the neighboring counties in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying additional compensation for the services performed by the memorialists, in pursuance of an act of Congress, passed the fourteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States."

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Jones, Mr. John Cotton Smith, and Mr. John Smith, of New York; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That William Oliver, who presented a petition to this House on the tenth ultimo, have leave to withdraw the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the memorial of Thomas K. Jones, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-second ultimo, as relates to a schedule of the whole number of persons within the district of Tennessee, be printed for the use of the members.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress," and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments; and, having made some progress therein,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next, And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1802.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Samuel Coleman, Assistant Clerk to the Council of the State of Virginia, enclosing a return of the election of John Dawson, to serve as a representative for the said State, in the Seventh Congress of the United States; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

A petition of John Cleves Symmes was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will accept of the release and relinquishment of the petitioner, to the United States, of all his legal and equitable claim, and colorable right, by patent or contract, statute or possession, whatsoever, to a certain quantity of land, lying North of the lands granted by the United States, on a contract with the petitioner and his associates, in the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, for the reasons and on the terms and conditions therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth ultimo, the petition of James M'Cashen and others; and that Mr. Daniel Heister and Mr. Claiborne be added to the said committee.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the town of Wilmington and its vicinity, in the State of Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as will tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Also, a petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, residing in the city of New York, praying that an addition of ten per cent. to the present duty may be imposed upon imported hats of a certain value, and that the duties upon trimmings, and other materials, for the manufacture of hats within the United States, imported from foreign countries, may be repealed.

Also, a petition of Ebenezer Stephens, of the city of New York, merchant, praying that he may be indemnified for the loss and injury which he has sustained in the purchase of a certain American ship in Saint Jago de Cuba, called the Bellona, and for the incidental expenses incurred by the petitioner in the case of the said ship, which was seized by the officers of the customs, and sold by order of the district court of the United States for the district of New York, in consequence of a violation of the laws of Congress by the former owners, in trading with the said ship to the dependencies of France, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of John Dunlop, an alien, and now an inhabitant of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed to entitle the petitioner to the privileges and benefits of a citizen of the United States, in consideration of his intention to reside permanently within the same; which privileges and benefits he could have possessed, but was ignorant of the provisions contained in the act of Congress, passed the twenty-ninth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject."

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for a revision and amendment of the laws respecting naturalization.

A petition of sundry citizens of the district of Columbia, in opposition to the prayer of a petition from sundry other citizens of the said district, presented on the twenty-ninth ultimo, for the erection of a bridge from the Western and Southern extremity of the Maryland Avenue, in the city of Washington, to the nearest and most convenient point of Alexander's Island, in the river Potomac, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the district of Columbia.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of the value of the exports of the United States, to the ports of Italy, Gibraltar, and the Barbary Powers, for each of the five years preceding the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and one, in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the eleventh instant; which were read, and ordered to

be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the seventh instant, the bill for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States in the Mediterranean and adjoining seas.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled resolve "authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the members of both Houses with the laws of the sixth Congress," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolve.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported, on the fifteenth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act respecting fugitives from justice, and persons escaping from the service of their masters ;" and the same being severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table :

And on the question that the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 43,
 { Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
James A. Bayard,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
William Barry Grove,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,

Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
Lewis R. Morris,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jr.
John Rutledge,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
John Stratton,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
John P. Van Ness.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bacon,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William Hoge,

Ebenezer Mattoon,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Joseph Pierce,
Elias Perkins,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*.
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
Benjamin Tallmage,

Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams,
Henry Woods.

And so the said bill was rejected.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House proceeded to consider the message from the Senate, of the fifteenth instant, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the Library for the use of both Houses of Congress:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their disagreement to the fourth, sixth, and seventh amendments of the Senate, disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate to the said bill.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendments, and that Mr. Bayard, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Dawson, be appointed Managers at the said conference, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1802.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of hats in the city of Baltimore, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such an additional duty may be imposed, by law, on hats imported from foreign countries, as will tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Also; a memorial of Lyon Lehman, a citizen of the United States, praying a remission of the duty on a certain quantity of fire-arms imported by the memorialist into the port of New York, some time in the month of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial of Fulwar Skipwith, late Consul General of the United States at Paris, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for official services rendered, and advances of money made, by the memorialist, in the capacity aforesaid, on account of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of sundry distillers of spirits in Boston, and elsewhere, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the laws of revenue as imposes a duty on distilled spirits and on stills, within the United States, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, to enable the petitioners and others to connect the waters of the river Potomac and the Eastern branch of the said river, by opening and completing a canal along the Tiber Creek, through the low ground, at the foot of the Capitol Hill, in said city.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Ohio and Brooke, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying, that post roads may be established from Wheeling, in Monongalia county, to the town of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, by the route of West-liberty; and, also, from West-liberty to Steubenville in the Northwestern

Territory of the United States, by the way of Brooke Court House, or Charles Town, in the said State of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Stanley, one of the members from North Carolina, presented to the House a petition of Memucan Hunt, William Polk, and Pleasant Henderson, for themselves and others, addressed to the General Assembly of that State; also, sundry resolutions of the said Assembly, respecting a claim of the petitioners for the value of certain lands in the State of Tennessee, held under grants from the State of North Carolina, prior to the cession of the said lands to the United States, accepted by an act of Congress passed the second day of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety; which were received and read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said petition and resolutions be referred to Mr. Stanley, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Dickson, and Mr. Fowler; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on a letter from the Governor of Maryland, and sundry documents respecting loans from the said State to the Commissioners of the City of Washington, referred to him by order of the House, on the seventh instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the eleventh instant, to whom was referred a message of the President of the United States on the same subject.

On motion,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States of the thirtieth January, one thousand eight hundred and one, respecting the affairs of the city of Washington, with the documents which accompanied the same; also, the report of the select committee thereon, made on the twenty-seventh of February last, be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Tallmage, from the committee to whom were referred, on the eleventh instant, the resolutions of the Senate, "in respect to Lieutenant Sterret, the officers, and crew, of the United States schooner Enterprize," made a report; which was read, and, together with the said resolutions, ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker again resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1802.

A petition of sundry citizens of the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to the prayer of a petition from sundry other citizens of the said district, presented on the twenty-ninth ultimo, "that a bridge may be erected from the Western and Southern extremity of the Maryland Avenue, in the city of Washington, to the nearest and most convenient point of Alexander's Island, in the river Potomac," was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A petition of George Poyzer, of the town of Lexington, in the State Kentucky, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed to entitle the petitioner to the privileges and benefits of a citizen of the United States, in consideration of the petitioner's having been upwards of five years an inhabitant of the said State of Kentucky, and of his intention to reside permanently therein, having, after repeated and expensive experiments, made some discoveries valuable to himself, and calculated, in the opinion of the petitioner, to promote useful arts and commerce in the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for a revision and amendment of the laws respecting naturalization.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the memorial of Francis Cazeau, a French citizen, made a report ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Mr. Fearing, the Delegate from the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, presented to the House an act of the Legislature of the said territory, passed the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act declaring the assent of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, to an alteration in the ordinance for the government thereof;" which was received and read. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said act be committed to a Committee of the Whole House tomorrow.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the territory aforesaid, in opposition to the said recited act, as "unconstitutional and directly repugnant to the articles of compact entered into by the Congress of the United States, the State of Virginia, and the People and States in the said Territory, as expressed in the ordinance for the government of the same, passed on the thirteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven," were presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Davis, one of the members from Kentucky, presented to the House a letter addressed to him from the Register of the Treasury, enclosing a statement respecting the claims of original holders of land warrants, granted for military services ; which was received, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States ; and the said amendments being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the said bill, at the Clerk's table, by striking out, in the fourth, fifth, and sixth lines of the first section, the following words, one "brigadier general, with one aid-de-camp, who shall be taken from the captains or subalterns of the line :"

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 36,
 { Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
James A. Bayard,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Thomas Moore,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Elias Perkins,
John Randolph, jun.
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
Josiah Smith,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
John P. Van Ness,
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,

Robert Brown,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,

John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Huger,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,
 John Milledge,

Samuel L. Mitchell,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph Peirce,
 Nathan Read,
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Sprigg,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Stewart,
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Benjamin Walker, and
 Henry Woods.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the second line of the second section, the words, "one colonel;" also, by striking out in the third line of the same section, the word "four," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "five:"

And, the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the twenty-fourth section, the words following, to wit: "a sum of money equal to three months' pay of such officer," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "the following sums, that is to say, to each officer who shall have served in the Army of the United States twenty years, a sum equal to ———, to each officer, who shall have served fifteen years, and less than twenty years, a sum equal to ———, to each officer, who shall have served ten years, and less than fifteen years, a sum equal to ———, to each officer who shall have served five years, and less than ten years, a sum equal to ———, and to all other officers who shall be deranged by this act, a sum equal to ———."

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 26,
 { Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
 Manassch Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 William Eustis,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 Charles Johnson,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,

Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,
 Elias Perkins,
 Nathan Read,
 John Rutledge,
 William Shepard,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Stanley,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 George B. Upham,
 Benjamin Walker, and
 Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,

William Butler,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,

Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Ehmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,

Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Isaac Van Horne.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the fifth line of the said twenty-fourth section, the words, "three months' pay" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "six months' pay and subsistence:"

And, the question being put thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by adding to the end thereof, a new section, in the words following, to wit:

SEC. 28. "*And be it further enacted*, That so much of any act or acts, now in force, as comes within the purview of this act, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed; saving nevertheless, such parts thereof as relate to the enlistments or term of service of any of the troops, which, by this act, are continued on the present Military establishment of the United States:"

And, the question being taken that the House do agree to the said amendment,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be authorized to cause to be printed under their inspection, all such reports and documents, touching the matters referred to them, as may appear necessary to the committee, previous to the presentation of the same to the House.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1802.

An engrossed bill fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 77,
 { Nays 12.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,

Matthew Clay,
John Condict,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,

Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 Abiel Foster,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William Barry Grove,
 John A. Hanna,
 Seth Hastings,
 Daniel Heister,
 Joseph Hiester,
 William Helms,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 William H. Hill,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Huger,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 Thomas Morris,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,

Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph Peirce,
 Nathan Read,
 John Rutledge,
 Israel Smith,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Smith of *New York*,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Sprigg,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Stanley,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George B. Upham,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Davenport,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 Archibald Henderson,
 Ebenezer Mattoon,
 Lewis R. Morris,

Elias Perkins,
 John Randolph, jun.
 William Shepard,
 Josiah Smith,
 John Stratton, and
 Benjamin Walker.

Resolved, That the title be "An act fixing the Military. Peace Establishment of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, a resolve of the two Houses, "authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the members of both Houses with the laws of the sixth Congress."

A memorial of Robert Gilmor and John Stricker, in behalf of themselves and others, proprietors of gunpowder manufactories, in the vicinity of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that such duty may be imposed by law, on gunpowder imported from foreign countries, as shall tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Also, a petition of John Christopher Kempff, Joseph Harris, and William Lanphier, inspectors of the Customs for the District and port of Alexandria, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Anthony Addison, of Prince George's county, in the State of Maryland, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be authorized by law, to erect a bridge over the Eastern Branch of the river Potomac, at, or near the place where a ferry belonging to the petitioner is now kept.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing Government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A memorial of Johannis Remsen and William Kouwenhoven, of the town of Flat-

lands, in King's county, and State of New York was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of the respective claims of the memorialists for board, lodging, and other accommodations, furnished to certain officers of the Continental Army, while in captivity on Long Island, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a memorial of Johannis E. Lott and others, freeholders and inhabitants of the said county and State, to the same effect.

Also, a memorial of Edward Barns, of the town of Marlborough, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, praying additional compensation for services rendered by the memorialist, as a surveyor of the Revenue in the said State, under the law of Congress, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States."

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of Albert Russel and others was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of certain warrants and surveys granted to, and obtained by the petitioners for their respective quotas of land, in consideration of military services rendered by them to the United States, as officers in the Virginia line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war, which warrants and surveys were entrusted to the care of an agent of the petitioner, and by him casually lost.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Brent, Mr. Huger, and Mr. Holland; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Milledge, from the Committee of Elections, reported that the committee had, according to order, examined the credentials of two other members returned to serve in this House, and had agreed on a farther report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and is as followeth:

"It appears to your committee that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to entitle them to take their seats in the House, to wit:

"From the State of Massachusetts, Seth Hastings.

"From the State of Virginia, John Dawson."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an enrolled resolve, which originated in this House, "authorizing the Secretary of State to furnish the members of both Houses with the laws of the sixth Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee appointed, on the fourteenth ultimo, "to inquire and report whether moneys drawn from the Treasury have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for; and to report, likewise, whether any further arrangements are necessary to promote economy, enforce adherence to legislative restrictions, and secure the accountability of persons entrusted with public money," be, and they are, authorized to cause to be printed, for the use of the members of the House, such papers and documents relating to the subjects of their inquiry as they may think necessary.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force an act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate adhere to their fourth and sixth amendments, and recede from their seventh amendment to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress," on their disagreement to which this House hath insisted. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson be excused from serving on the committee appointed, on the fourth instant, "to inquire whether any, and what, alteration should be made in the judicial establishment of the United States; also, to report a provision for securing the impartial selection of juries in the courts of the United States," and that Mr. Giles be appointed of the said committee, in his stead.

Mr. Bayard, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress," made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Abiel Foster,
John Fowler,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Elias Perkins,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,

Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon, Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State and of the Navy be, and they are hereby, respectively, required to lay before this House copies of all instructions which heretofore have been given to commanders of vessels, of every description, which have been authorized to capture vessels belonging to the French Republic.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the tenth ultimo, the peti-

tion of Sarah Fletcher and Jane Ingraham, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1802.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, to the same effect with the petitions of sundry other inhabitants of the said territory, presented on the twentieth instant, were presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed an act of the Legislature of the said Territory, passed on the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act declaring the assent of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to an alteration in the ordinance for the government thereof."

A petition of sundry citizens and holders of lots on High and Water-streets, in Georgetown, in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the Corporation of the said town may be authorized and empowered, by law, to impose and levy taxes adequate to the purpose of levelling and paving the principal streets, and particularly those specified therein, for the benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the said town.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A memorial of George Turner, residing between the Great and Little Miami rivers, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of expenses incurred by the memorialist in consequence of his frequent attendance at the seat of the Government of the United States for the purpose of obtaining the passage of a law of Congress, to quiet a claim of the memorialist on account of a purchase made by him of John Cleves Symmes and his associates, of a certain tract of land on Mad river, in the said Territory; also, in consideration of sundry services rendered by the memorialist for the benefit of new settlers in the said territory, in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of James M'Cashen, and others; and to whom was also referred, on the eighteenth instant, a memorial of John Cleves Symmes.

A petition of Benjamin Neale, of the county of Bourbon, in the State of Kentucky, distiller, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duty accruing on his stills, from the first day of March to the tenth day of April last, inclusive, in consideration of the loss of the petitioner's still-house and distilling apparatus, and the injury done to his stills by fire, on the night of the first of March, one thousand eight hundred and one.

Also, a petition of John Hunt, of Fleming county, in the said State of Kentucky, distiller, praying a remission of the duty on a still, the property of the petitioner; also, that he may be permitted to occupy and work a small distillery without paying any duty thereon, for such time as Congress in their wisdom shall deem proper, for certain reasons therein specified.

Also, a petition of John Brainerd and others, of the town of New Haven, and elsewhere, in the State of Connecticut, praying additional compensation for their services as assistants to the marshal of the district of Connecticut, in taking the second census of the inhabitants assigned to them as their respective divisions by the said marshal.

Also, a petition of John Bennett, of the county of Columbia, in the State of New York, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pay due to him for his services on board the Continental frigates Trumbull and General Putnam, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of John Skinner, of the State of North Carolina, late a commissioner appointed under the law of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered and expenses incurred by the petitioner in the capacity aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of W. Reynolds and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in behalf of the citizens of Frederick, Shenandoah, Culpeper, Fauquier, Madison, and

Orange counties, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from the borough of Winchester, in the county of Frederick, to the town of Fairfax, in the county of Culpeper, in the said State of Virginia.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

On motion,
The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

tee of the Whole House to-morrow.
Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first instant, the petition of John Christopher Kempff, Joseph Harris, and William Lanphier, inspectors of the customs for the district and port of Alexandria, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John Christopher Kempff, Joseph Harris, and William Lanphier, ought not to be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their said petition.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth instant, the memorial of Lyon Lehman, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, enclosing copies of the instructions heretofore given by the Department of the Navy, to the commanders of vessels in the public service, authorizing the capture of vessels belonging to the French Republic, in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-second instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of the duties which have been paid on stamps by each State in the Union, distinguishing the amount of the said duties paid by the commercial cities within each of the said States :

It passed in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire whether any, and what, alterations are necessary in the laws imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandises, imported into the United States; and that the said committee be discharged from the further consideration of a resolution referred to them on the eleventh day of December last:

The said motion being under debate,

Mr. Nicholson, one of the members from the State of Maryland, was called to order by Mr. Griswold, one of the members for the State of Connecticut, on an opinion that he was departing from decorum and order, by personal allusion in debate; and the Speaker having decided that the member from Maryland was in order,

An appeal was made to the House from the decision of the chair :

And, on the question, "Is the member from Maryland in order?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 56,
{ Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

**Willis Alston,
John Archer,**

**John Bacon,
Phaniel Bishop,**

Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,

Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
John Randolph, junr.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Taliaferro, junr.
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,

Elias Perkins,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said motion as originally proposed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be required to lay before this House an account, in detail, of the expenses incurred in the collection of the internal revenues of the United States; distinguishing, where the same may be practicable, the expenses attending the collection in each branch of the said revenue; and, also, an estimate of reduction of said expenses which may conveniently be made:

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 37,
 { Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
James A. Bayard,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,

Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,

Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Ebenezer Mattoon,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,
 Joseph Peirce,
 Elias Perkins,
 Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 John Rutledge,
 William Shepard,

John Cotton Smith,
 John Stanley,
 John Stratton,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Benjamin Walker,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Bacon,
 Phaniel Bishop,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, junr.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, junr.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, *of New York*,
 John Smith, *of Virginia*,
 Josiah Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Sprigg,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, junr.
 John Stewart,
 John Taliaferro, junr.
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnam,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing a copy of the instructions heretofore issued to the commanders of private armed vessels of the United States, from the Department of State, under the direction of the President, in virtue of an act of Congress, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce of the United States," transmitted in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twenty-second instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Joseph Ward, for himself and others, holders of certain bills of credit, referred to him by order of the House, on the eighth instant; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force an act, passed on the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of a motion, on which the previous question was called for and taken on the twenty-second instant ; and the said motion being amended to read in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed, *particularly*, to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duties on brown sugar, coffee, and bohea tea:

And, after debate thereon,

The main question was taken that the House do agree to the said motion as amended,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,

Joseph Peirce,
Elias Perkins,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Ratledge,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

The House then proceeded to the farther consideration of a motion on which the

previous question was called for and taken on the twelfth instant; and the said motion being amended to read as followeth:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed, particularly, to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duty on salt; and, also, the duties on articles of necessary consumption, and more especially the duties oppressive to the agricultural and mechanical interests of the community:

The main question was taken that the House do agree to the said motion, as amended.

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 32,
 { Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Elias Perkins,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Condict,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmentorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twelfth instant, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth ultimo, the petition of Caleb Eddy, "with instructions to inquire into the expediency of extending to the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, a further time for exhibiting their

claims for lands under the 'Act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia,' which lay on the table: Whereupon,
Ordered, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1802.

A petition of sundry master hatters of Elizabethtown and Williamsport, in the county of Washington, and State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Also, the petitions of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the borough of York and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania; of the town and county of Frederick, in the State of Maryland, and of the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of John Graham and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may pass imposing such additional duty on the importation of coal from foreign countries, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper, for the encouragement and protection of coal mines which are, or may be, worked within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Memorials of sundry inhabitants of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, purchasers and settlers on the lands originally contracted for by John Cleves Symmes, between the Great and Little Miami rivers, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that Congress will extend the time for the payments to be made by the memorialists, on account of the contract between the United States and the said John Cleves Symmes, and his associates, for the reasons therein specified; or grant such relief in the premises, as to their wisdom shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of James M'Cashen and others; and to whom was also referred, on the eighteenth instant, the memorial of John Cleves Symmes.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an act of the Legislature of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, entitled "An act declaring the assent of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, to an alteration in the ordinance for the government thereof;" to which Committee of the Whole House were also referred, on the twentieth and twenty-fifth instant, the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the said Territory, in opposition to the said recited act; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said act and petitions under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said act and petitions.

An engrossed bill to continue in force an act, passed on the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes,'" was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to repeal, in part, the act, entitled 'An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the petition of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, made a report; which was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

"The Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel W. Coxe and others, merchants of Philadelphia, report:

"That the petitioners state that they are deprived of the drawbacks on goods of foreign growth and manufacture, and on salted provisions, shipped by them from the port of Philadelphia to ports of foreign nations, although they had complied with every requisite required by law for the obtaining of such drawbacks, save only the taking of the oaths within the ten days prescribed by law, to wit: 'That the goods were truly intended to be exported, and were not intended to be relanded within the United States;' and the giving bond that the said goods, or any part thereof, should not be landed within the United States.

"The petitioners further state, that they appeared at the custom house within a very few days after the ten days (prescribed by law) had expired, and offered to take the said oaths, and to give the bond required by law; when, to their surprise, the collector informed them that it was no longer in his power to afford them relief: They, therefore, solicit Congress to authorize the collector for the port of Philadelphia to issue the debentures due to them respectively.

"The committee are of opinion that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, and submit a bill to that effect."

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Daniel W. Coxe and others; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing the Government of the Territory of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

A memorial and remonstrance of sundry inhabitants of the county and town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will not agree to any plan, or pass any bill respecting the government of the said district, which shall, by the establishment of a subordinate Legislature, or subordinate Executive, or otherwise, tend to unite under its power, the two parts of the district, as separated by the river Potomac.

Ordered, That the said memorial and remonstrance be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Ordered, That the letters of the Secretary of the Departments of the Navy and of State, enclosing copies of the instructions heretofore issued from the said Departments, under the direction of the President, to commanders of armed ships and vessels of the United States, in virtue of an act of Congress, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce of the United States," which were received, read, and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-fifth instant, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the situation of the several tracts and parcels of land which have been granted, appropriated, or reserved, for the support of public schools and seminaries of learning, and for the support of religion, within the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio; and that the committee take into their consideration what measures are necessary, and ought to be adopted, to carry fully into effect the design of every such grant, appropriation, or reservation.

Ordered, That Mr. Fearing, Mr. Davis, Mr. Gray, Mr. Robert Williams, and Mr. Foster, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the said committee be authorized to report by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Mitchill, from the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the fifteenth instant, to whom was referred the memorial of Thomas K. Jones; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the resolution contained therein; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the Collector for the port of Boston and Charlestown be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue to Thomas K. Jones the debentures on ten pipes of wine, imported by said Jones, in the ship Juno, Captain Thomas Dingley, and exported, on the fifteenth of June last, in the ship Enterprize, Captain Hearsy, for Havana, on full and satisfactory proof being made to the said Collector of the actual quantity of wine in the said pipes at the time of their being shipped, as aforesaid: Provided, that every other requisite shall have been pursued, agreeably to law, for the obtaining the said drawback."

On the question to agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said resolution,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1802.

An engrossed bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson, was read the third time: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, to the same effect with the petitions of sundry other inhabitants of the said Territory, presented on the twentieth instant, were presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed an act of the Legislature of the said Territory, entitled "An act declaring the assent of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to an alteration in the ordinance for the government thereof."

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Coventry, Windham, and Canterbury, in the State of Connecticut, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Hartford, in Connecticut, to Providence, in Rhode Island, to pass through the said towns of Coventry, Windham, and Canterbury.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A memorial of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce, signed by Thomas Fitzsimons, their President, was presented to the House and read, praying that a law may be passed by Congress to authorize an appropriation for the expense of supporting, and keeping in repair, certain piers heretofore erected in different places in the river Delaware, for the protection of vessels, in inclement seasons, navigating the said river.

Also, a petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the borough of Reading, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on hats imported from foreign countries, as shall tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Jones, from the committee appointed on the fourteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the payment of two thousand and eight hundred dollars to Philip Sloan; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, the petition of John Carr, and two reports of committees thereon, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I lay before you the accounts of our Indian trading houses, as rendered up to the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and one, with a report of the Secretary of War thereon, explaining the effects and the situation of that commerce, and the reasons in favor of its further extension. But it is believed that the act authorizing this trade expired so long ago as the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine. Its revival, therefore, as well as its extension, is submitted to the consideration of the Legislature.

The act regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes will also expire on the third day of March next. While on the subject of its continuance, it will be worthy the consideration of the Legislature, whether the provisions of the law inflicting on Indians, in certain cases, the punishment of death by hanging, might not permit its commutation into death by military execution; the form of the punishment, in the former way being peculiarly repugnant to their ideas, and increasing the obstacles to the surrender of the criminal.

These people are becoming very sensible of the baneful effects produced on their morals, their health, and existence, by the abuse of ardent spirits; and some of them earnestly desire a prohibition of that article from being carried among them. The Legislature will consider whether the effectuating that desire would not be in the spirit of benevolence and liberality which they have hitherto practised towards these our neighbors, and which has had so happy an effect towards conciliating their friendship. It has been found, too, in experience, that the same abuse gives frequent rise to incidents tending much to commit our peace with the Indians.

It is now become necessary to run and mark the boundaries between them and us, in various parts. The law last mentioned has authorized this to be done; but no existing appropriation meets the expense.

Certain papers, explanatory of the grounds of this communication, are herewith enclosed.

TH. JEFFERSON.

January 27, 1802.

The said message, and the documents accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, to whom was referred the memorial of Evan Thomas and others.

Ordered, That the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the fifteenth instant, on the memorial of Thomas K. Jones, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement on the twenty-sixth instant, be re-committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an act of the Legislature of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, entitled "An act declaring the assent of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to an alteration in the ordinance for the government thereof;" to which Committee of the Whole House were also referred the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the said Territory in opposition thereto; and, after time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said act and petitions under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

Resolved, As the opinion of this committee, that the act passed by the Legislature for the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, entitled "An act declaring the assent of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to an alteration in the ordinance for the government thereof," ought not to be assented to by Congress.

The House then proceeded to consider the said resolution at the Clerk's table; and, the same being again read,

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 81,
Nays 5.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
William Barry Grove,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
Michael Leib,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
Lewis R. Morris,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jun.
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stratton,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abraham Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Boude,
Manasseh Cutler,
Abiel Foster,

Seth Hastings, and
George B. Upham.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1802.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of John Hobby from his confinement." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hanna reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New-Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hanna reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the memorial of Samuel Harvey Howard, register of the court of chancery in the State of Maryland, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is expedient to pass a law authorizing and directing the Marshal for the District of Columbia to collect, by distress and sale of the goods and chattels of the debtors, or by execution against their persons, all fees due from residents in the said territory, which have become due, or may become due, to the solicitors, attorneys, registers, clerks, and other officers of any courts in Maryland, on any suits, process, or proceedings, pending in the said courts on the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and one.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Brent, Mr. Foster, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Plater, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. Bacon, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, to inquire and report whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary in the laws respecting the fortifications of the harbors of the United States, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That no amendments in the laws aforesaid are necessary.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of a select committee of the nineteenth instant, on the resolutions of the Senate, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, "in respect to Lieutenant Sterrett, the officers, and crew, of the United States' schooner Enterprize;" to which Committee of the Whole House were, also, referred the said resolutions of the Senate; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report and resolutions under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the said resolutions of the Senate, and their agreement to two resolutions contained in the report of the select committee thereupon, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report and resolutions: Whereupon,

The resolutions of the Senate, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement, being twice read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, as a testimony of the high sense they entertain of the nautical skill and gallant conduct of Lieutenant Andrew Sterrett, commander of the United States' schooner Enterprize, manifested in an engagement with, and in the capture of, a Tripolitan corsair, of superior force, in the Mediterranean sea, fitted out by the Bey of that regency to harass the trade, capture the vessels, and enslave the citizens, of these States, the President of the United States be requested to present Lieutenant Sterrett with a gold medal, with such suitable devices thereon, as he shall deem proper, and emblematic of that heroic action, and the mercy extended to a barbarous enemy, who three times struck his colors, and twice recommenced hostilities—an act of humanity, however unmerited, highly honorable to the American flag and nation: And that the President of the United States be, also, requested to present to each of the Lieutenants, Porter and Lawson, of the Navy, and Lieutenant Lane, of the Marines, who were serv-

ing on board the Enterprize in that engagement, and contributed, by their gallant conduct, to the success of the day, a sword, with such suitable devices as the President may deem fit.

“Be it further resolved, In consideration of the intrepid behavior of the crew of the Enterprize, under the orders of their gallant commander, and their receiving no prize money, the corsair being dismantled and released after her capture, that one month's pay, over and above the usual allowance, be paid to all the other officers, sailors, and marines, who were actually on board and engaged in that action; for the expenditure of which charge Congress will make the necessary appropriation.”

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The resolutions contained in the report of the select committee, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their agreement, being twice read, in the words following, to wit:

“Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That they entertain a high sense of the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Sterrett, and the other officers, seamen, and marines, on board the schooner Enterprize, in the capture of a Tripolitan corsair, of fourteen guns and eighty men.

“Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to present to Lieutenant Sterrett a sword, commemorative of the aforesaid heroic action; and that one month's extra pay be allowed to all the other officers, seamen, and marines, who were on board the Enterprize when the aforesaid action took place.”

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the twenty-fifth instant, to whom was referred the memorial of Lyon Lehman; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Lyon Lehman is reasonable, and that the said petitioner ought to be refunded the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty-four dollars, being the amount of duties he paid on the importation of three thousand five hundred rifles and carbines, and two hundred and eighty-seven pair of pistols, into the United States, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled “An act concerning the library for the use of both Houses of Congress.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a statement of the amount of all loan office and final settlement certificates which are yet outstanding, and have not been funded or paid, or barred by the statutes of limitations; and that he report whether, from the mode of transacting business in the Treasury Department, and the nature of these certificates, any provision can be made by law for the payment of the same, without subjecting the United States to fraud and imposition:

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said motion,

And passed in the negative.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Lyon Lehman; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the twenty-second ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills for a revision and amendment of the laws for regulating the militia of the United States, have leave to sit during the sessions of the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House a statement of the vessels now belonging to the Navy of the United States, with their present state of equipment, and the service in which they are, respectively, employed.

Ordered, That Mr. Thompson have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Thursday next.

A petition of George Mason, of the State of South Carolina, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive the pension heretofore allowed him, in consideration of the loss of a leg in the action at Fort Moultrie, in the said State, whilst a soldier in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1802.

An engrossed bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the third time; and, on a motion made and seconded, ordered to be recommitted to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement," was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The resolutions in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, which were ordered to be engrossed on the twenty-eighth instant, "expressing the sense of Congress on the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Sterrett, the officers, and crew, of the United States' schooner Enterprize," were brought in engrossed, and read the third time: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same, without amendment; and that the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolutions to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of George Ash was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will pass a law to confirm to the petitioner a right, in fee simple, to a certain quantity of land opposite the mouth of Kentucky river, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river, which has heretofore been granted to him by the Shawanese tribe of Indians, for various services rendered to the said tribe of Indians by the petitioner; and, also, that he may be entitled to the benefits and privileges of a citizen of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Davis, Mr. Mattoon, and Mr. Gregg; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Peter Mercier, of Germantown, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services performed by the petitioner, on a contract entered into by him with the agent of the United States, appointed for the purpose of undertaking and completing the mason's work of the fortifications at the town of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island.

Also, a petition of Alexander Roxborough, of Somerset county, in the State of Maryland, praying the renewal of a certain final settlement certificate granted to the petitioner, in consideration of military services rendered to the United States as a major in the Maryland line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which certificate, by want of proper care in the petitioner, has been destroyed.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of James Scott, presented on the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and one, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, of the twenty-eighth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion,

Ordered, That Lewis Du Pré, who presented a petition to this House on the fifth instant, relative to the principles of *perpetual motion*, which, as the petitioner suggests, have been discovered by him, have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the twenty-fifth instant, the petitions of John Hunt and of Benjamin Neale, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said John Hunt and Benjamin Neale ought not to be granted.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth instant, the petition of John Brainerd and others, made a report; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the payment of such loan office and final settlement certificates as may have been lost, and for the payment or renewal of which application was made prior to the twelfth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

On motion,

Resolved, That the census of the inhabitants of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, be referred to a select committee, with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought, at this time, to be taken for enabling the People of the said territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union upon the same terms with the original States.

Ordered, That Mr. Giles, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, and Mr. Condit, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Petitions from sundry inhabitants of the territory of the United States Northwest of river Ohio, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, were presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will consider the present situation of the petitioners, and disagree to any law or plan that may be passed or devised, contrary to their benefit and accommodation, and which may tend to a separation of the said territory into one or more divisions, in opposition to the wishes and interest of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the said territory; also, that Congress will be pleased to consider what measures may, at this time, be proper to be taken for the establishment of a State Government in the said territory, and its admission into the Union.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with such parts of the petitions of sundry other inhabitants of the said territory, as relate to the establishment of new States into the Union, whenever it may be deemed expedient by Congress, presented on the twentieth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-seventh instant, be referred to the committee last appointed; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A memorial of George Helmbold, jun. of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will, by law, extend to all paintings, portraits, and engravings, executed and published within the United States, the benefits and privileges contained in the act, entitled "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the times therein mentioned," passed the thirty-first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Jones, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. Mitchill; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of permitting vessels importing salt to Edenton, in North Carolina, after entering at the office of the Collector of that port, and without being obliged previously to discharge there, to proceed to any of the fisheries situated between the said port of Edenton, and the nearest ports of delivery, and deliver their cargoes of salt, under such regulations as may be necessary for securing the duty; and to report by bills, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the payment of two thousand and eight hundred dollars to Philip Sloan; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business be directed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force, for a longer time, the whole, or any part of an act, entitled "An act to augment the salaries of certain officers therein

mentioned," passed the second of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, which act will expire the second of March next, and that the committee be authorized to report such alterations in the salaries of said officers, as to them may seem advisable ; and that said committee report by bill, or otherwise.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1802.

An engrossed bill authorizing the payment of two thousand and eight hundred dollars to Philip Sloan was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the payment of two thousand eight hundred dollars to Philip Sloan."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Lewis R. Morris, one of the members for the State of Vermont, presented to the House two resolutions of the General Assembly of the said State, agreed to by the two branches of the Legislature, on the nineteenth and twenty-third of October, one thousand eight hundred and one, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of the United States in the case of the choice of Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, and of Representatives to Congress from the States respectively; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Petitions of sundry manufacturers of hats in Trenton, and elsewhere, in the State of New Jersey, of Chester county, of the borough of Lancaster, and of Easton, in Northampton county, and State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Two memorials of Hugh Hughes, of the State of New York, were presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation of the claims of the memorialist, for services rendered by him in various capacities in the staff departments of the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirty-first of December last, the memorial of Paul Coulon, a French citizen, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the thirty-first of December last, on "so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to Naval preparations, and the establishment of sites for Naval purposes," be authorized to cause such documents to be printed for the use of the members, as may be deemed proper by the said committee, previous to the presentation of the same to the House.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of an engrossed bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson, which was read the third time on Wednesday last : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday in December next,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made and seconded that the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House to day;

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee : and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States in the Mediterranean and adjoining seas," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also agreed to the resolutions of this House, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, "expressing the sense of Congress on the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Sterret, the officers, and crew, of the United States' Schooner Enterprise." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill last mentioned: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of Navy, enclosing a statement of the vessels now belonging to the Navy of the United States, with their present state of equipment, and the service in which they are respectively employed, in pursuance of a resolution of the House of the twenty-eight-ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to prevent intrusion on the public lands, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the acts, the one entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," the other an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the 'Act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States,'" as relate to the establishing a Mint, ought to be repealed:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1802.

An engrossed bill to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Marietta, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said town of Marietta may, by law, be established as a port of entry and delivery, for the purpose of registering and clearing of ships and vessels which have been, or may be, built and fitted out for sea, by the petitioners and other inhabitants in the said town, and its vicinity.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Deborah Rockwell, of the town of New London, in the State of Connecticut, widow of Merit Rockwell, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying that she may receive the amount of the pension heretofore granted to the deceased, in consideration of wounds received as a soldier in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; or that Congress will be pleased to afford such other relief, in consequence of the distressed situation of the petitioner and her children, as to their wisdom may seem reasonable and proper.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Samuel Harvey Howard, and other officers of the Courts of Maryland ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to inform this House whether any, and what, measures have been taken for treating with the Indians South of the Ohio, in consequence of an act of Congress, passed the thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred, entitled "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians."

Ordered, That Mr. Staley and Mr. Dawson be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined enrolled resolutions, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, "expressing the sense of Congress on the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Sterret, the officers, and crew, of the United States schooner Enterprize," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled resolutions.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States in the Mediterranean and adjoining seas ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, without amendment.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments at the Clerk's table,

And, on the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to prevent intrusion on the public lands, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be re-committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I now lay before you—

1. A return of ordnance, arms, and military stores, the property of the United States.
2. Returns of muskets and bayonets fabricated at the Armories of the United States at Springfield and Harper's Ferry, and of the expenditures at those places. And
3. An estimate of expenditures which may be necessary for fortifications and barracks for the present year.

Besides the permanent magazines established at Springfield, West Point, and Harper's Ferry, it is thought one should be established in some point convenient for the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Such a point will probably be found near the border of the Carolinas, and some small provision by the Legislature preparatory to the establishment, will be necessary for the present year.

We find the United States in possession of certain iron mines and works in the county of Berkely, and State of Virginia, purchased, as is presumable, on the idea of establishing works for the fabrication of cannon and other military articles by the public. Whether this method of supplying what may be wanted, will be most advisable, or that of purchasing at market, where competition brings every thing to its proper level of price and quality, is for the Legislature to decide : and if the latter alternative be preferred, it will rest for their further consideration in what way the subjects of this purchase may

be best employed or disposed of. The Attorney General's opinion on the subject of the title accompanies this.

There are, in various parts of the United States, small parcels of land which have been purchased, at different times, for cantonments, and other military purposes. Several of them are in situations not likely to be accommodated to future purposes. The loss of the records prevents a detailed statement of these, until they can be supplied by inquiry; in the mean time, one of them, containing eighty-eight acres, in the county of Essex, in New Jersey, purchased in one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and sold the following year to Cornelius Vermule and Andrew Codmas, though its price has been received, cannot be conveyed without authority from the Legislature.

I enclose, herewith, a letter from the Secretary of War, on the subject of the Islands in the lakes and rivers of our Northern boundary, and of certain lands in the neighborhood of some of our military posts, on which it may be expedient for the Legislature to make some provisions.

TH. JEFFERSON.

February 2, 1802.

The said message, and the documents accompanying the same, were read: Whereupon, *Ordered*, That such parts thereof as relate to the military stores of the United States, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-second of December last, on the same subject.

Ordered, That the residue of the said message do lie on the table.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement;" also, enrolled resolutions, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, "expressing the sense of Congress on the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Sterret, the officers, and crew, of the United States schooner Enterprize."

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to furnish this House with copies of any documents in his office relative to the object of the voyage or crews of the Frigate Insurgent, and brigantine Pickering, lately belonging to the Navy of the United States; and, also, to state the time when, and the place from whence, they sailed, together with any other information respecting their loss, which it may be in his power to furnish.

Mr. Stanley, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House, "requesting information whether any, and what, measures have been taken for treating with the Indians South of the Ohio, in consequence of an act of Congress, passed the thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred, entitled "An act to appropriate a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a treaty or treaties with the Indians," reported that the committee had, according to order, performed the service assigned to them.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1802.

A memorial of Henry Messonnier, of the city of Baltimore, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying that a certain sum of money, which the memorialist, by mistake, has heretofore paid into the Treasury of the United States, on account of the duties on a quantity of coffee imported by him into the port of Baltimore, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, beyond the amount of the legal duties thereon, may be refunded to the memorialist.

Also, a memorial of sundry merchants of Richmond, Manchester, and Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying a revision and amendment of an act of Congress, passed on the third of March last, entitled "An act to amend the act altering the district of Bermuda Hundred and City Point," for certain reasons therein specified.

Also, a petition of Francis Duchemin, praying that he may be allowed the drawback of the duties on a certain quantity of Havana sugars, exported by the petitioner to Bremen, from the port of Baltimore, some time in the month of July, one thousand eight hundred; of the benefit of which drawback the petitioner has been deprived, in consequence of the epidemic fever which prevailed in the city of Baltimore, at the time of the exportation aforesaid; and owing to which cause, the importer of the said sugars was

not present to comply with the requisitions prescribed by law, to entitle the petitioner to obtain the same.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A memorial and petition of Adam Tunno and James Cox, of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, merchants and co-partners, under the firm of Tunno and Cox, and of Thomas Tunno and John Price, of Charleston, aforesaid, merchants, and citizens of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of the capture and condemnation of the American ship South Carolina, and her cargo, the property of the memorialists, by Spanish privateers, in virtue of certain local edicts of the King of Spain, bearing date in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Davis, one of the members from the State of Kentucky, presented to the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, addressed to him as chairman of the committee to whom were referred, on the eighth of December last, and the eighteenth, twenty-fifth, and twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of James M'Cashen and others, the memorials of John Cleves Symmes, and of George Turner, and the petitions of sundry purchasers and settlers on the lands originally contracted for by John Cleves Symmes, between the Great and Little Miami rivers, enclosing a letter and report from the Receiver of the Land Office at Cincinnati, respecting the lands applied for under an act of the last session of Congress, giving a pre-emption right to certain purchasers under John Cleves Symmes; which were received, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the committee, of the thirtieth of December last, appointed, on the fourteenth of the same month, "to inquire into the expediency or inexpediency of giving further time to persons entitled to Military land warrants to obtain and locate the same; and, also, to report what provision ought to be made, by law, to authorize the Secretary of War to issue Military land warrants, and duplicates of the same, where satisfactory proof is made that the originals have been lost, destroyed, or obtained by fraud," which lay on the table, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

Resolved, That further time ought to be given to the holders or proprietors of Military land warrants, to register and locate the same.

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, authorizing the holders of warrants, or certificates in the nature of warrants, under an hundred acres, to locate the same.

Resolved, That all warrants or certificates located on a less quantity than four thousand acres, shall be located on the unlocated parts of the fifty quarter townships, and fractional quarter townships.

Resolved, That warrants, or certificates in the nature of warrants, which have or shall issue for a quantity less than an hundred acres, shall be located on the fractional parts of lots that are less than an hundred acres, and in no other place.

Resolved, That the holders or proprietors of warrants for military services, who shall locate the same on the quarter townships, or fractional part of quarter townships, after the — day of — next, shall obtain patents in their own name.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Davis, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tallmage, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Fearing, do prepare and bring in the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Lyon Lehman; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two resolutions, in the form of joint resolutions of the two Houses, which originated in this House, "expressing the sense of Congress on the gallant conduct of Lieutenant Sterret, the officers, and crew, of the United States schooner Enterprize."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Daniel W. Coxe and others ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1802.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Lyon Lehman was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Lyon Lehman."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A remonstrance of sundry inhabitants within the jurisdiction of the Corporation of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will not pass into a law the bill for establishing the government of the Territory of Columbia, now pending before this House ; or that the said bill may be so amended or modified as to augment the powers of the Corporation of Georgetown, for the convenience and benefit of the remonstrants, and other inhabitants of the said District.

Ordered, That the said remonstrance be referred to the Committee of the Whole House appointed on the twenty-sixth ultimo, to whom was committed the bill referred to in the said remonstrance.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the town of Fredericksburg, and its vicinity, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Robert Baird, of the State of Kentucky, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of services rendered to the United States as lieutenant of a company of spies, employed on a secret expedition under the directions of Major General Wayne, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four ; the petitioner having suffered injuries in the said service which have impaired his health, and rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Tripolitan cruisers," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the third instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Daniel W. Coxe and others ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said bill and amendment at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill, with the amendment, be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed until Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the fifteenth instant.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of John Graham and others, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the claims of the United States for certain balances, which, by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States, were reported to be due from several of the States to the United States ; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise :

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, enclosing copies of the sailing orders given to the commanders of the frigate *Insurgent* and brigantine *Pickering*, transmitted in pursuance of a resolution of the House of the second instant ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5. 1802.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was recommitted, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, an engrossed bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," reported an amendment thereto ; which was twice read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants in the city of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of numerous and heavy losses sustained by the memorialists, in consequence of the illegal capture and confiscation of their property, under the authority of the French Government, prior to the promulgation of the late Convention between the United States and France ; in the provisions of which compact the memorialists discover an unqualified surrender of their claims, instead of the redress which they expected to obtain.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to Mr. Giles, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Mitchill, Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Milledge, Mr. Tallmage, Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Gregg ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the county of Monmouth, and State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered, to appoint one or more Commissioners, as he may deem necessary, on the part of the United States, to adjust, on principles of equity, the existing disputes between the Commissioners of the City of Washington and the Trustees of the city property, original proprietors, and other persons, who conceive themselves injured by the several alterations which, from time to time, have been made in the plan of the city ; and, having adjusted the same, that he be, and he is hereby, requested to endeavor to procure from the trustees aforesaid, a conveyance to the United States of the streets, squares, and other public grounds therein.

2dly. *Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to cause to be prepared and laid before Congress, for their sanction, a plan of the city of Washington, conforming, as nearly as may be, to the original design thereof, except where, in consequence of the alterations made in the same, the rights of individuals, the principles of justice, and the manifest interest of the United States, may require a deviation.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Dennis, Mr. John Taliaferro, jun. Mr. Griswold, Mr. Sprigg, and Mr. Dawson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the petition of James Scott, presented the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and one, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said James Scott ought not to be granted.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Deborah Rockwell, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Deborah Rockwell ought not to be granted.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the engrossed bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the amendment proposed by the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was again read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Isaac Zane; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hanna reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the further consideration thereof; and that the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Fear- ing, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Bayard.

Ordered, That Mr. Perkins have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making certain partial appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and two; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Tripolitan cruisers."

Mr. Davis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the petition of George Ash, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred a message from the President of the United States, of the eleventh ultimo, accompanying a memorial and letter to him, from the Commissioners of the city of Washington, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the offices of the Commissioners of the said city; and to report by bill, or otherwise.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1802.

An engrossed bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," was read the third time.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until to-morrow.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of injuries inflicted on the commerce of the memorialists, during the late European war, by the predatory cruisers belonging to the French Republic.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth instant, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Baltimore, to the same effect.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of the act of Congress, passed on the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States," for certain reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

A petition of James Roosevelt and others, sugar refiners, of the city of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying a reimbursement of so much of the duties on refined sugar, as shall be equivalent to the sums heretofore paid by the petitioners for the weight of paper and cord used for binding and keeping the said sugar in loaves.

Also, a petition of sundry merchants, traders, and other inhabitants, of the county of Mathews, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a port of entry and delivery may be established at such place in the said county, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others, as to Congress, in their wisdom, shall seem proper.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of William Meetkerke, late a Collector of the Internal Revenue for the counties of Washington and Greene, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a certain sum of money due from the petitioner to the United States, in consideration of the loss of his dwelling house and other property, by fire; also, that the accounting officers of the Treasury Department may be authorized to liquidate and settle the claims of the petitioner for services rendered in the capacity aforesaid.

Also, a petition of Robert Sanders, of Scott county, in the State of Kentucky, praying compensation for the value of a barn, the property of the petitioner, which was set on fire and consumed, in his absence, by a party of men employed by certain Agents appointed to purchase and collect beef cattle for the use of the Army of the United States, in the year 1796.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry citizens of the counties of Huntingdon, Centre, Lycoming, Mifflin, Northumberland, Dauphin, and Somerset, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying the establishment of a new post road from Alexandria, in the said State, to be extended in such manner as to communicate with some of the post offices West of the Allegany Mountain.

Also, a petition of sundry merchants and traders of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying a re-establishment of the post road from the said city of Baltimore to Fauquier and Culpeper Court Houses, in the State of Virginia, under such regulations as shall ensure its continuance.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the petition of Thomas Bruff, of Joseph, in the State of Maryland, relative to the principles of *perpetual motion*, which, as the petitioner suggests, have been discovered by him, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

Mr. Daniel Heister, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second of December last, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform Militia throughout the United States," passed the eighth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Mitchill, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirty-first of December last, so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to "Naval preparations, and the establishment of sites for Naval purposes," made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was re-committed, on the twenty-second ultimo, the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax," reported an amendatory bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of providing, by law, for the better securing to the use of the United States, the estates of public officers or agents, who may be indebted to them, for public moneys had and received, and for eventual release of such persons from imprisonment:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the motion referred to them, on the first instant, "respecting the Mint of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth :

Resolved, That so much of the acts, the one entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," the other an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," as relate to the establishing a Mint, ought to be repealed.

A motion was then made and seconded that the said resolution be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereupon to the House.

On which motion the question being taken that the House do agree thereto,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas.....33,
 { Nays.....54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Sprigg,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

And then the main question being put that the House do agree to the said resolution, as reported from the Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Mitchill, and Mr. Holland, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the protection of the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Tripolitan cruisers."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1802.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the farther consideration of an engrossed bill to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," which was read the third time on the eighth instant : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Petitions of sundry manufacturers of hats, in Moorestown and elsewhere, in the State of New Jersey, and in Dauphin county, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Also, a memorial of James Butland and Company, glass manufacturers, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that no further duty may be laid on the importation of coal from foreign countries ; and that such additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of foreign glass, particularly window glass, and bottles of various descrip-

tions, as may effectually encourage and protect the manufacture of the articles aforesaid within the United States.

Also, a petition of sundry citizens and brush makers, of the City of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying a repeal of the duty, at present imposed by law, on the importation of bristles from foreign countries, or otherwise, to afford such protection and encouragement to the manufacture of brushes within the United States, as Congress shall, in their wisdom, deem proper.

Also, a memorial of sundry merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying the establishment of a light-house on a point of land called the Gurnett, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor; and that the memorialists may be refunded the expense of a temporary light-house, which they have erected on the point of land aforesaid, out of the Treasury of the United States.

Also, a petition of John Caldwell and others, merchants and traders in the State of Connecticut, praying that a light-house may be established on the point of land called "Lynde's Point," at the mouth of Connecticut river, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said State.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Kentucky, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that Congress will lay a duty on hemp, cordage, and sail duck, imported from foreign countries, adequate to prevent or lessen the importation of the same, and to give encouragement to the husbandmen and manufacturers of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorials be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Jonathan Snowden, of Princeton, in New Jersey, a Lieutenant in Lieutenant Colonel Lee's legion, during the Revolutionary war, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received at the battle of Guilford Court House, in the State of North Carolina; and of military services rendered in the Army of the United States, under the command of Major General St. Clair, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, or that such other relief may be afforded him, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Also, a petition of John Bouslog, of Morgantown, in the State of Virginia, distiller, praying that he may be exonerated from the payment of the duties accruing on two stills, the property of the petitioner, in consideration of the loss of his distillery, by fire, together with all his utensils and materials for distilling, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Memorials of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying a repeal of the act of Congress, passed the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States."

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

Petitions of sundry citizens of the State of Kentucky, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the laws of revenue as imposes a duty on distilled spirits and on stills within the United States, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Sprigg, from the committee to whom was referred, on the nineteenth ultimo, the petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, made a report; which was read and considered; Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is expedient to pass a law incorporating a company for the purpose of opening a navigable canal, to connect the waters of the Potomac river with those of the Eastern Branch thereof, through Tiber creek, and the low lands at the foot of the Capitol Hill.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Sprigg, Mr. Brent, and Mr. Foster, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force "An act to augment the salaries of certain officers therein mentioned;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, and Comptroller of the Treasury, the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," enclosing certain documents relative to the claims of Elijah Ayer, deceased, and Elijah Ayer, junior, refugees from Nova Scotia; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, the report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Caleb Eddy.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eighth instant, the report of the committee appointed, on the thirty-first of December last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to "Naval preparations, and the establishment of sites for Naval purposes," be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said report be re-committed to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Johnson.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making certain partial appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and two; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Samuel Harvey Howard, and other officers of the courts of Maryland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1802.

A memorial of Robert Gilmor and Charles W. Hare, agents for William Bingham, of the City of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in case of a judgment obtained against the said William Bingham, in one of the courts of the State of Massachusetts, on account of a Danish brigantine called the Hope, and her cargo, which was captured by an American privateer, and carried into the island of Martinique, where the said vessel and cargo were sold under the directions of the said William Bingham, as commercial agent of the United States, and the proceeds of sale accounted for, and carried to their credit, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine.

Also, a petition of Oliver Pollock, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim of the petitioner against the United States for services rendered, and expenses incurred by him, as a public agent at New Orleans, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition, together with the petition of William C. Webb, presented on the seventh of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That Mr. Hanna have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Robert Baird, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several laws imposing duties on stills, and domestic distilled spirits, refined sugar, licenses to retailers, sales at auction, pleasurable carriages, and on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, ought to be repealed; and that the Committee of Way and Means be, and they are hereby instructed to report a bill conformably to this resolution:

The question was taken that the House do now proceed to consider the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 40,
Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Willis Alston,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Thomas Boude,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,

Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William Hoge,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
John Rutledge,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George B. Upham,
Isaac Van Horne,
Benjamin Walker,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Thomas Claiborne,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
William B. Giles,
Calvin Goddard,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
William H. Hill,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Joseph Peirce,
John Randolph, jun.
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Ordered, That the said motion do lie on the table.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to authorize the collection of fees due to the officers of the respective Courts in the State of Maryland, from persons residing within the Territory of Columbia, by the Marshal of the said District.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, to whom were referred the petition of John Carr, and two reports of committees thereon; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

Ordered, That the said report of the Committee of the Whole House do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1802.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Richard Sprigg, one of the members for the State of Maryland, containing his resignation of a seat in this House; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, be appointed of the committee "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing Government and laws of the District of Columbia, and to report by bill, or otherwise," in the room of Mr. Sprigg, who hath, this day, resigned his seat in the House.

Ordered, That the petition of Theodosius Fowler, presented on the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, be referred to Mr. Elmendorf, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, and Mr. Leib; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Gloucester, Cumberland, and Cape May, in the State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, by the way of Woodbury and Barnsborough, in Gloucester county, Millville and Port Elizabeth, in Cumberland county, and Dennis' Creek, Cape May Court House, to Coldspring, in the county of Cape May, and State of New Jersey aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Davis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of goods, wares, and merchandises, exported from the United States, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and one, inclusive; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, on the petition of John Carr, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement on the tenth instant; and, the said report being twice read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"That they have duly considered the same, and have agreed to the report made by the Committee of Claims, at a former session of Congress, and which is herewith reported."

'The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Carr, with the report of a select committee thereon, having examined and considered the same, report:

'That the petitioner seeks to obtain the pay and emoluments of a Lieutenant, as if he had continued in the service of the United States till the end of the war.

'A particular statement of this gentleman's case is contained in a letter from the Accountant for the Department of War, which is subjoined, and to which the committee ask leave to refer, and pray that the same may be received as a part of this report.

'They are of opinion it would not now be expedient to re-settle accounts which have been, so long since, adjusted in the proper Departments, and by persons duly authorized; and, therefore, that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.'

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 32,
Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
Thomas Boude,
Samuel J. Cabell,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Dawson,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Daniel Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
John Milledge,

Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
John Smilie,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Benjamin Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bacon,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,

George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Joseph Peirce,
John Randolph, jun.
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
Israel Smith,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

And then the main question being put that the House do agree to the said report of the Committee of Claims,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And so the said petition was rejected.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the memorial of Charles Pettit, of the city of Philadelphia, presented on the thirty-first of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Nathaniel Holmes, who presented a petition to this House on the thirteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred, have leave to withdraw the said petition, together with the documents accompanying the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1802.

An engrossed bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of John Burnham, of Wethersfield, in the State of Connecticut, a native citizen of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of losses and injuries sustained in his person and property, while in captivity among the Algerines, during part of the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of James Bell, of Chambly, in the British Province of Lower Canada, by Peter Mills, his attorney, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of the claims of the petitioner, for various services rendered, and advances of money made, for the use of the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; the accounts and vouchers in support thereof having been laid before this House on the thirteenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, before the expiration of the time prescribed by law for exhibiting claims of the like nature.

Ordered, That the said petition, and the documents accompanying it, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Robert Simison, of Jefferson county, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying that a certain sum of money, paid by the petitioner for a section of land within the seven ranges of townships in the said Territory, may be refunded to him, the agent for the petitioner, in consequence of an error in marking the line of one of the said townships, having located a section of land for the petitioner which he did not intend to purchase ; or, that he may be permitted to locate another section of land in the said Territory, in lieu thereof.

Also, a petition of William Smith, of the said county and territory, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of William Henry Harrison, John Gibson and others, trustees for establish-

ing and founding an academy, called "The Jefferson Academy," at Vincennes, in the Indiana Territory, was presented to the House and read, praying that a donation of lands, to which the Indian title has been, or may be, extinguished, may be granted to the trustees of the said academy for the accommodation and benefit thereof, under the regulations therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Randolph, Mr. Cutler, and Mr. Condict; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Speaker address a letter to the Executive of the State of Maryland, informing him of the resignation of Richard Sprigg, one of the members of this House, of his seat in this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth ultimo, the petition of Ebenezer Stevens, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Ebenezer Stevens ought not to be granted; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition, with the documents accompanying the same.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee, of the fourteenth of December last, on the petition of James M'Cashen and others, presented on the eighth of the same month, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said report be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the message of the President of the United States, transmitting a memorial and letter to him from the Commissioners of the City of Washington; and to whom was, also, referred, on the fifth instant, a motion respecting the discontinuance of the offices of the said commissioners, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to extend the privilege of franking letters to the delegate from the Mississippi Territory, and making provision for his compensation," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have, also, passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lyon Lehman," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. Daniel Heister be appointed of the committee to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, a motion, in the form of two resolutions of the House, "respecting the adjustment of the existing disputes between the Commissioners of the City of Washington and other persons who may conceive themselves injured by the several alterations made in the plan of the said city; also, relative to a plan of the said City of Washington, conformably, as nearly as may be, to the original design thereof, with certain exceptions," in the room of Mr. Sprigg, who resigned his seat in the House on the eleventh instant.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion referred to them, on the fourth instant, "respecting certain balances due from several of the States to the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the claims of the United States for certain balances which, by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual states, were reported to be due from several of the States to the United States; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Butler, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Stratton have leave to be absent from the service of this House for three weeks.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, to the same tenor and effect with the memorial of sundry other citizens of the said city and county, presented on the eighth instant, was presented to the House and read.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

A petition of Ludwig Kuhn, of the city of Philadelphia, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim of the petitioner for supplies furnished for the use of the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; the vouchers in support thereof having, as the petitioner suggests, been lodged for settlement with the proper accounting officers before the expiration of the time prescribed by law for exhibiting claims of the like nature.

Also, a petition of Francis Duchouquet, praying compensation for his interposition and services in relieving a number of citizens of the United States, taken in captivity by the Western tribes of Indians, from the cruel death intended to be inflicted on them by the said Indians; also, that he may be reimbursed the amount of such sums of money as the petitioner has actually advanced for the ransom of the said prisoners.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the Mississippi Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, for themselves and others, was presented to the House and read, praying that a port of entry and delivery may be established at such a convenient point on the Tombigby river as may command the navigation of the said river, as, also, that of the Alabama river in the said territory; that a post office may be established in the said county of Washington, as a medium of information to the petitioners and others; and that the agent of the United States, for the Indian Department on the frontiers of the State of Georgia, may be prohibited from restraining or preventing, in any manner, such citizens of that State as are desirous to emigrate to the territory aforesaid.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to the establishment of a post office be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Ordered, That the residue of the said petition do lie on the table.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of depredations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, while in pursuit of their lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth instant, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States and resident merchants of the city of Baltimore, and State of Maryland, to the same effect.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Fairfield, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the purchasers of lands formerly the property of the United States, in the said territory, may be exonerated from the payment of interest which may have, or shall in future accrue on the amount of the principal, until the different instalments shall, respectively, become due; that the laws of Congress respecting the purchase and title of the lands aforesaid may be revised and amended; also, that two sections of land in each township, in the said county of Fairfield, may be granted as a donation for the purpose of encouraging seminaries of learning therein.

Ordered, That such parts of the said petition as relate to the payment of interest until the instalments of the principal shall, respectively, become due, and to a revision and amendment of the laws of Congress respecting the purchase and title of lands, in the said territory, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the residue of the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Timothy Williams, for himself and John Williams, and of Joseph Lee, junior, citizens of the State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of the capture and condemnation of the brigantine Travel-

ler, and her cargo, the property of the petitioners, by privateers of the French Republic, since the promulgation of the convention between the United States and the French Republic.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Eustis, Mr. Giles, and Mr. Gregg ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report their opinion thereupon to the House.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking letters to the Delegate from the Mississippi Territory, and making provision for his compensation : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying his report on the memorial and petition of Adam Tunno and James Cox, and of Thomas Tunno and John Price, of Charleston, in South Carolina, merchants and citizens of the United States, referred to him by order of the House, on the third instant ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lyon Lehman : " Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendment be postponed until Monday, the first of March next.

Mr. Walker, one of the members from the State of New York, presented to the House certain resolutions agreed to by the two branches of the Legislature of the said State, on the thirtieth ultimo, and the first instant, proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, respecting the choice of a President and Vice President ; which were received, read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Fearing, from the committee appointed on the twenty-sixth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the conveyance of certain public lands within the Northwestern Territory ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes," was then called for : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill, be postponed until the third Monday in March next :

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
 { Nays 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,

Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John C. Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, junr.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Taliaferro, junr.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded that the said order of the day be postponed until Monday next,

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 34,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John C. Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,

William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,

Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchill,

Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, junr.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, junr.
 John Smilie,
 John Smith, of New York,
 Josiah Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, junr.
 John Taliaferro, junr.
 David Thomas
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the last mentioned bill; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1802.

A representation of sundry merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that an act of Congress, passed on the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States," may be continued in force; or that, if it shall be deemed expedient by Congress to repeal the provisions of the said act in relation to the general establishment of the courts therein mentioned, the said repeal may not extend to the courts of the third circuit of the United States, for the reasons specified in the said representation.

Also, a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania aforesaid, to the same tenor and effect with the memorial of sundry other citizens of the said city and county, presented on the eighth instant.

Also, a memorial of the corporation of the Chamber of Commerce of the city of New York, praying that this House will not pass into a law a bill sent from the Senate, and now depending before the House, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the said representation and memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill from the Senate last mentioned.

A petition of sundry weighers for the district and port of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the compensation allowed them by law; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to their services.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking and receiving letters, free of postage, to any person admitted, or to be admitted to take a seat in Congress, as a delegate, and providing compensation for such delegate," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendment reported on the fourth instant from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill for the relief of Daniel W. Coxe and others; and having made a farther progress therein,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1802.

A representation of sundry counsellors at law, practising in the Courts of the State of New Jersey, and in the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the act of Congress, passed on the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States," may not be repealed, for the reasons specified in the said representation.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

A petition of Isaac Sawyer and others, of Falmouth, in the District of Maine, and State of Massachusetts, was presented to the House and read, praying that they may receive the bounty allowed by law, in the case of the schooner Betsey, the property of the petitioners, employed in the bank and cod fisheries of the United States; which bounty has hitherto been refused, in consequence of one of the owners of the said schooner having omitted to take the oath within the time prescribed by law; or that such other relief may be granted to the petitioners, in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Dennis be added to the committee appointed, on the ninth instant, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills "for opening a navigable canal to connect the waters of Potomac river with those of the Eastern Branch thereof, through Tiber creek, and the low lands at the foot of the Capitol Hill," in the room of Mr. Sprigg, who resigned his seat in the House on the eleventh instant.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the first instant, two memorials of Hugh Hughes, of the State of New York, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his said memorials.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Brent be excused from serving on the committee appointed, on the eighth of December last, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia, and to report by bill, or otherwise;" and that Mr. Campbell be appointed of the said committee in his stead.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House cause to be opened a ventilator or ventilators in the chamber of the House of Representatives, at some convenient place or places therein; and that the expense thereof be discharged out of the moneys appropriated for defraying the contingent expenses of this House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I lay before both Houses of Congress, for their information, the report of the Director of the Mint, now enclosed.

TH. JEFFERSON.

February 17th, 1802.

The said message, and the report referred to therein, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I now transmit a statement of the expenses incurred by the United States in their transactions with the Barbary Powers, and a roll of the persons having office or employment under the United States, as was proposed in my messages of December the seventh and twenty-second. Neither is as perfect as could have been wished ; and the latter not so much so, as further time and inquiry may enable us to make it.

The great volume of these communications, and the delay it would produce to make out a second copy will, I trust, be deemed a sufficient reason for sending one of them to the one House, and the other to the other, with a request that they may be interchanged for mutual information, rather than to subject both to further delay.

TH. JEFFERSON.

February 16th, 1802.

The said message was read, and, together with the documents accompanying the same, ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making certain partial appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and two." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1802.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the seventeenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking and receiving letters, free of postage, to any person admitted, or to be admitted, to take a seat in Congress, as a delegate, and providing compensation for such delegate ;" also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making certain partial appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and two," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

Memorials of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying a repeal of the act of Congress, passed on the thirteenth

of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States."

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

A petition of sundry manufacturers of umbrellas, in the city of Philadelphia, and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of umbrellas from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and promote the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Dinwiddie and others, citizens of the State of Kentucky, was presented to the House and read, praying that so much of the laws of revenue as imposes duties on spirits distilled, and on stills, and, also, on stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, within the United States, may be repealed.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Kentucky, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred a resolution of this House of the twenty-ninth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the accommodation of persons concerned in certain fisheries therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures inquire and report on the expediency of erecting a port of entry at the town of Beaufort, at present within the district of Newbern, in the State of North Carolina.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act extending the privilege of franking and receiving letters, free of postage, to any person admitted, or to be admitted, to take a seat in Congress, as a delegate, and providing compensation for such delegate."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

In a message of the second instant, I enclosed a letter from the Secretary of War on the subject of certain lands in the neighborhood of our military posts, on which it might be expedient for the Legislature to make some provisions. A letter recently received from the Governor of Indiana, presents some further views of the extent to which such provision may be needed. I therefore now transmit it for the information of Congress.

TH. JEFFERSON.

February 18, 1802.

The said message and letter were read, and ordered to lie on the table.
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1802.

A petition of sundry citizens of Huntingdon county, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a revision and amendment of the act of Congress, passed on the eighteenth of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An act supplementary to, and to amend the act, entitled 'An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the act heretofore passed on that subject.'"

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the bill for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the county of Cumberland, and State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and promote the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, the petition of Francis Duchouquet, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolutions :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid as part of the Constitution, to wit:

1st. That the State Legislatures shall, from time to time, divide each State into districts, equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives from such State in the Congress of the United States; and shall direct the mode of choosing an Elector of President and Vice President in each of the said districts, who shall be chosen by citizens having the qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous branch of the State Legislature; and that the districts, so to be constituted, shall consist, as nearly as may be, of contiguous territory, and of equal proportion of population, except where there may be any detached portion of territory, not of itself sufficient to form a district, which then shall be annexed to some other portion nearest thereto; which districts, when so divided, shall remain unalterable until a new census of the United States shall be taken.

2d. That, in all future elections of President and Vice President, the persons voted for shall be particularly designated, by declaring which is voted for as President, and which as Vice President.

Ordered, That the said motion, together with the resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New York, proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, respecting the choice of a President and Vice President, which were read and ordered to lie on the table on the fifteenth instant, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1802.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of the act of Congress, passed on the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled "An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States."

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

A petition of Margaret Culbertson, widow and relict of Samuel Culbertson, late of the county of Chester, and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the damages sustained by the deceased, in his lifetime, by the erection of a Continental hospital on his farm, at the Yellow Springs, in the county of Chester, aforesaid, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the upper ends of Spartanburg and Greenville districts, in the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying an alteration in the post road from Rutherfordton, in North Carolina, to Startanburg court house, in the said State of South Carolina; also, that a post office may be established at Major John Gowen's store, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Stafford, Fauquier, and King George, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Fauquier court house to King George court house, by Aquia, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph S. Martin and others, presented on the third of March last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Stanley, one of the members from the State of North Carolina, presented to the House certain resolutions agreed to by the two branches of the Legislature of the said State, on the fifteenth of December last, proposing amendments to the Constitution of the United States, respecting a choice of a President and Vice President, and the election of Representatives to Congress from the several States; which were received, read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned until Tuesday morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1802.

Petitions of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the counties of Fayette and Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, and of the town of Winchester, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on hats imported from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

A memorial of Burnell Brown, surviving partner of the late firm of Browse and Brown, of the city and State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying a re-

mission of the duties on a certain quantity of glass imported into the port of New York in the brig Recovery, from Greenock, in Scotland, and consigned to the said firm, in consideration of the loss of the storehouse of the memorialist, in which the said glass was deposited, which was consumed by fire some time in the month of July last.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1802.

A memorial of sundry merchants and underwriters of the city and State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of the capture and condemnation of certain vessels and their cargoes, of which the memorialists are owners or assurers, by the cruisers and courts of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth instant, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants in the city of Baltimore, to the same effect.

A petition of sundry ropemakers and others, concerned in the manufacture of cordage in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will be pleased either to increase the duty on imported cordage, and not allow a drawback on the exportation of the same; or, if the drawback is allowed, that it may be extended to cordage manufactured within the United States.

Also, petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Kentucky, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying that Congress will, by law, impose a duty on hemp, cordage, sail duck, white rope, twine, pack thread, and bagging, imported from foreign countries, adequate to prevent or lessen the importation of the same, and thereby to give encouragement to the husbandmen and manufacturers within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of Charlestown, in the county of Brooke, and State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to the prayer of a petition of other inhabitants of the said county of Brooke, and of Ohio county, in the said State of Virginia, presented on the nineteenth ultimo, was presented to the House and read.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Sharpsburgh to Boonsborough, in the said State, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said county of Washington.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making certain partial appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and two."

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

I communicate to both Houses of Congress a report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the subject of our Marine Hospitals, which appear to require Legislative attention.

As connected with the same subject, I also enclose information respecting the situation of our seamen and boatmen frequenting the port of New Orleans, and suffering there from sickness, and the want of accommodation. There is good reason to believe their numbers greater than stated in these papers. When we consider how great a proportion of the territory of the United States must communicate with that port singly; and how rapidly that territory is increasing its population and productions, it may, perhaps, be thought reasonable to make hospital provisions there, of a different order from those at foreign ports, generally.

TH. JEFFERSON.

February 24th, 1802.

The said message and documents accompanying it, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Another message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-third instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act making certain partial appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and two."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a bill to alter the time of holding the District Court of Maine.

Ordered, That Mr. Wadsworth, Mr. Cabell, and Mr. Van Ness, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1802.

A memorial of John Gardiner, an alien, now an inhabitant of the city of Washington, was presented to the House and read, stating that the memorialist has brought his family into the United States, with an intention to reside permanently therein; and praying, that, therefore, he may be enabled to obtain a patent for the discovery of a method of constructing *dry docks* to repair and build ships in, on navigable waters, where the rise and fall of tides is inconsiderable.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the twenty-ninth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of George Helmbold, junior, of the city of Philadelphia; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the ninth instant, the petitions of John Caldwell and others, merchants and traders in the State of Connecticut, and of sundry merchants and inhabitants of the town of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, reported a bill for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor; for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of Newcastle Island; for erecting a light-house on Lynde's Point, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1802.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Henry Harrison, Governor of the Indiana Territory of the United States, enclosing certain resolutions of the Grand Jury of the county of Knox, in the said Territory, at a term of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, held for the said county, in the present month, asserting the rightful claim of the Territory aforesaid to the Island of Michilimackinac, and its dependencies, as an integral part of the said Territory, in opposition to the claims of the Government of the Northwestern Territory to the same; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Dickson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of William Dunlop, of the town of Port Royal, in the county of Caroline, and State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a certain quantity of tobacco, shipped by the petitioner from Norfolk, in the said State, for London, which was captured by a French privateer, and condemned at Brest, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth instant, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Baltimore, to the same effect.

A petition of sundry manufacturers of starch, in the city and county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying an increase of the duty at present imposed, by law, on starch imported from foreign countries, and thereby to give encouragement and protection to the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

No occasion having arisen, since the last account rendered by my predecessor, of making use of any part of the moneys heretofore granted to defray the contingent charges of the Government, I now transmit to Congress an official statement thereof, to the thirty first day of December last, when the whole unexpended balance, amounting to twenty thousand nine hundred and eleven dollars and eighty cents, was carried to the credit of the surplus fund, as provided for by law; and this account consequently becomes finally closed.

TH. JEFFERSON.

February 25th, 1802.

The said message was read, and, together with the official statement referred to therein, ordered to lie on the table.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

Some statements have been lately received of the causes decided or depending in the courts of the Union, in certain States, supplementary, or corrective, of those from which was formed the general statement accompanying my message at the open-

ing of the session. I, therefore, communicate them to Congress, with a report of the Secretary of State, noting their effect on the former statement, and correcting certain errors in it, which arose partly from inexactitude in some of the returns, and partly in analyzing, adding, and transcribing them, while hurried in preparing the other voluminous papers accompanying that message.

TH. JEFFERSON.

February 26th, 1802.

The said message, and the documents accompanying it, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fourth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1802.

A representation of the inhabitants of Fairfield county, in the Northwestern Territory of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the said territory may be admitted as a State into the Federal Union, on an equal footing with the original States.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to the committee appointed on the twenty-ninth ultimo, to whom were referred the census of the inhabitants of the said territory, "with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought, at this time, to be taken, for enabling the people of the said territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union upon the same terms with the original States;" also, petitions of sundry inhabitants of the territory aforesaid, to the same effect.

A memorial of sundry paper makers in the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in behalf of themselves and others, was presented to the House and read, praying a repeal of the duty at present imposed, by law, on rags imported from foreign countries; and that such further duties may be laid upon the importation of foreign paper, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1802.

A memorial of sundry master hatters, in the town of Boston, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Also, a petition of sundry manufacturers of hats, in the town of Pittsburgh, and State of Pennsylvania, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth ultimo, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

A petition of James Smith, of Surry county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a land office military warrant granted to a certain William Ballard, in consideration of his services in the Virginia State Navy,

during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; which warrant was legally assigned to the petitioner, but, owing to the reasons specified in the petition, he has not been able to locate and secure the quantity of lands granted in virtue of the said warrant.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

A petition of Eve Bunce, widow of Lemuel Bunce, and daughter and sole heiress of Henry Sheafe, late of the city and State of New York, boat builders, both deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the services of the said Henry Sheafe, as superintendent of ship and boatwrights in the public service, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a memorial of Stephen Sayre, praying that Congress will consider and decide on the petitions heretofore presented by the memorialist, relative to an adequate compensation for his services and expenses as Secretary to the Commissioners of the United States at the Court of Versailles, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-seven.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry paper makers of the county of Essex, in the State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of paper from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made no amendment thereto.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 1802.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

I transmit, for the information of Congress, letters recently received from our Consuls at Gibraltar and Algiers, presenting the latest view of the state of our affairs with the Barbary Powers. The sums due to the Government of Algiers are now fully paid up ; and of the gratuity which had been promised to that of Tunis, and was in a course of preparation, a small portion only remains still to be furnished and delivered.

TH. JEFFERSON.

March 1st, 1802.

The said message and letters were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifteenth of December last, to prepare and bring in a bill or bills further and more effectually to protect the commerce of the United States against the Barbary Powers.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Wayne, in the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating certain inconveniences to which they have been, and are now, subjected, in consequence of the Indian claims to lands in the said territory not having been yet extinguished, and the right of the same vested in fee simple to the petitioners ; also, of the want of post roads extended to their settlement, and praying relief in the premises ; also, that one or more townships of land may be granted for the purpose of erecting and endowing an Academy or College in the said county of Wayne, for the instruction of youth in that territory.

Ordered, That so much thereof as relates to an establishment of a seminary of learning in the said county of Wayne, be referred to the committee appointed on the twelfth ultimo, to whom was referred a petition of the Trustees of "Jefferson Academy," at Vincennes, in the Indiana territory ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the residue of the said petition do lie on the table.

Memorials of sundry merchants of the City of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, and of sundry inhabitants of the town of Washington, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in the case of the capture and condemnation of their property by the cruisers and courts of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry merchants of the City of Baltimore, to the same effect.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Williamsport, and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post office may be established at the said town of Williamsport, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts for establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying annual statements of the district tonnage of the United States on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred, formed from the quarter-yearly abstracts rendered by the several collectors, together with certain observations explanatory of the said statements ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his reports on the petitions of James Bell, by Peter Mills, his attorney, and of Isaac Sawyer and others, referred to him by order of the House, on the twelfth and seventeenth ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to convey certain parcels of land therein mentioned ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the Customs for the year 1801, and a letter to him, thereon, from the Comptroller of the Treasury ; also, a statement of the sums paid into the Treasury of the United States, by the Collectors of each port, during the same year ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House then proceeded to consider, at the Clerk's table, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes," to which the Committee of the Whole House, on the first instant, reported no amendment : Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded to strike out the first section of the said bill, in the words following, to wit :

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of Congress, passed on the thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, entitled 'An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the Courts of the United States,' from and after the first day of July next shall be, and is hereby, repealed:"

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30,
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,

Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,

Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,

Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,

Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
John Smilie,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jr.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the bill, by adding to the first section thereof, the following words: "except so much of the forty-first section of the said act as provides for the augmentation of the salaries of the District Judges of Kentucky and Tennessee:"

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 40,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,

Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Joseph Pierce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John C. Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Stanley,
John Stewart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,

Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian Van Rensselaer,

Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,

William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
John Randolph, jr.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Taliaferro, jr.
David Thomas,
Phillip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the bill, by inserting "after the words "one thousand eight hundred and one," in the fifth section thereof, the words following, to wit: "if the same be returnable after the said first day of July next:"

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 37,
 { Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Samuel L. Mitchill,
Lewis R. Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John C. Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,

John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,

Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,

William Jones,
Michael Leib.
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
John Randolph, jr.
John Smilie,
John Smith, *of New York,*
John Smith, *of Virginia,*
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Taliaferro, jr.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the bill, by adding, to the end thereof, a new section, in the words following, to wit:

thereof, a new section, in the words following, to wit:

“*And be it further enacted*, That all proceedings of a criminal, penal, or a civil nature, which have been commenced in the Circuit Court created and established by the act first herein mentioned, and whereof the Circuit Courts existing prior to the passing of the said act, had not cognizance, shall be cognizable in the Circuit Courts revived by this act, and may be proceeded in, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as they could have been in the Circuit Courts established by the aforesaid act:”

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
 { Nays 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grové,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes.

Ebenezer Mattoon,
Thomas Moore,
Lewis R. Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John C. Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

**Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,**

Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne.

Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,

Samuel L. Mitchell,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
John Randolph, jr.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Taliaferro, jr.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the bill, by adding to the end thereof a new section, in the words following, to wit :

“*And be it further enacted,* That all suits, process, pleadings, and other proceedings of what nature or kind soever, depending in the Circuit Court in the District of Ohio, and which shall have been commenced within the territory of the United States North-west of the river Ohio, shall be, and hereby are, from and after the first day of July next, continued over to the Superior Court of the said territory, next thereafter to be holden; and all other suits, process, pleadings, and other proceedings of whatever nature or kind soever, depending or existing in the Circuit Court of the said district, shall be, and hereby are, from and after the first day of July next, continued over to the next Superior Court of the Indiana Territory of the United States next thereafter to be holden :”

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative,	{	Yeas	37,
		Nays	52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
William Shepard,
John C. Smith,
Josiah Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,

**Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,**

Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 John Smith, of *New York*,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness, and
 Isaac Van Horne.

Another motion was then made, and, the question being put that the said bill be re-committed to a select committee, to consider and report thereon to the House :

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 36.
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
 Thomas Boude,
 John Campbell,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 William Eustis,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Seth Hastings,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
 Joseph Peirce,
 Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 John Rutledge,
 William Shepard,
 John Cotton Smith,
 Josiah Smith,
 John Stanley,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,

William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchill,
 Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 John Smith, of *New York*,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,

Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded to amend the bill, by adding, to the end thereof, a new section, in the words following, to wit :

“ *And be it further enacted*, That, in all cases in which proceedings shall, on the said first day of July next, be pending under a commission of bankruptcy issued from a Circuit court, or a Circuit Judge, in pursuance of the aforesaid act, entitled “An act to provide for the more convenient organization of the courts of the United States,” the cognizance of the same shall be, and hereby is, transferred to, and vested in, the District Judge of the district within which such commission shall have been issued :”

And, on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 33,
 Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
 Thomas Boude,
 John Campbell,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Seth Hastings,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Ebenezer Mattoon,
 Lewis R. Morris,

Joseph Peirce,
 Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 John Rutledge,
 William Shepard,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Stanley,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,

William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchill,
 Thomas Moore,
 James Mott,
 Anthony New,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanuel Bishop,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,

Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

And after debate thereon,

The main question was taken that said bill do pass,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 59,
{ Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phaniel Bishop,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Conduct,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,

William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, *of New York,*
John Smith, *of Virginia,*
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Tabafarro, jun.

David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,

John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian Van K. Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1802.

A petition of Sylvanus Crowell, of Yarmouth, in the county of Barnstable, and State of Massachusetts, a native citizen of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be permitted to obtain a register for the brigantine Enterprize, of which he is the lawful and sole owner, in consequence of his having purchased the said brigantine at Antigua, in the West Indies, and repaired, and fitted out the same ready for a voyage to sea, at the town of Yarmouth, aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Arthur Morrison, of Belmont county, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying that a certain section of land in the said Territory may be granted, in fee simple, to the petitioner, for which he has paid into the Receiver's office of that Territory, for the benefit of the United States, the amount of the first instalment of the purchase money due for the same, according to law; but, in consequence of the neglect of the agent of the petitioner, he has not yet been able to obtain a title for the said section of land; or, that he may be permitted to locate and settle another section, in the Territory aforesaid, in lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of Robert Power, of the State of Kentucky, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of military services, and personal injuries sustained, whilst an officer in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of January last, to whom was referred the census of the inhabitants of the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought, at this time, to be taken, for enabling the People of the said Territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union upon the same terms with the original States; and to whom were also referred petitions from sundry inhabitants of that Territory to the like effect, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lyon Lehman:" Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said amendment be postponed until the first Monday in December next:

And, the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the amendment proposed by the Senate to the said bill,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1802.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth ultimo, the petition of John Bouslog, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was also referred, on the ninth ultimo, the petition of Jonathan Snowden, made a report; which was read and partly considered: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said report be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Lyon Lehman;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, on the part of this House, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, for the purpose of laying out, agreeably to law, the unexpended balance of a sum of five thousand dollars, heretofore appropriated to purchase books and maps for the use of the two Houses of Congress:

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bayard, and Mr. Randolph, be appointed of the said committee on the part of this House, pursuant to the foregoing resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the claims of the United States for certain balances which, by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States, were reported to be due from several of the States to the United States," and to report by bill, or otherwise, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to extinguish the claims of the United States, for balances reported against certain States by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, provisions ought to be made, by law, for allowing pensions to persons who do, at this time, labor under disabilities in consequence of known wounds received in the actual service of the United States, and who have not heretofore been provided for; and that the committee report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Giles, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Eustis, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, and Mr. Gregg, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the accommodation of persons concerned in certain fisheries therein mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet point, at the entrance of Plymouth Harbor, for re-building the light-house at the Eastern end of New Castle Island, for erecting a light-house on Lynde's Point, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Rutledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the nineteenth ultimo, on the petition of Francis Duchouquet; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That there be paid to Francis Duchouquet, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and ninety-one dollars and eighty-four cents, in full compensation for moneys by him advanced to redeem certain American citizens captured by the Indians.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of January last, to whom was referred "the census of the inhabitants of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio, with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought, at this time, to be taken, for enabling the people of the said Territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union upon the same terms with the original States," and to whom were also referred petitions of sundry inhabitants of that Territory on the same subject, which was read and ordered to lie on the table on the fourth instant, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of Jefferson county, and elsewhere, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively stating their disapprobation of an act of the Legislature of the said Territory, entitled "An act declaring the assent of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to an alteration in the ordinance for the government thereof," and praying that a State Government may be established for the said Territory to be admitted into the Union on the same terms with the original States."

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

A petition of John Syme, of Rocky Mills, in the county of Hanover, and State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim of the petitioner, for a quantity of flour furnished by him for the use of the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1802.

An engrossed bill for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization was read the third time: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the fourth section of the said bill be re-committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House to-day, It was resolved in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill for the accommodation of persons concerned in certain fisheries therein mentioned was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the accommodation of persons concerned in certain fisheries therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor, for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of Newcastle Island, for erecting a light-house on Lynde's Point, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor, for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of Newcastle Island, for erecting a light-house on Lynde's Point, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A memorial of sundry printers and others, of the city of Baltimore, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that no further duty than is at present imposed by law, may be laid on the importation of types and other implements of printing, from foreign countries into the United States.

Also, memorials of sundry printers and booksellers, of the cities of New York and Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth ultimo, a report of the committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

A petition of Robert Lewright, of Shenandoah County, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying a remission of the duty accruing on two stills, the property of the petitioner, from the first of January to the thirtieth of June, inclusive, in the present year, in consideration of the loss of his still-house and distilling materials, which were consumed by fire some time in the month of January last.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of Halifax and Mecklenburg Counties, in the State of Virginia, and of Granville and Person Counties, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying that a post road may be established from Mecklenburg Court House, in Virginia, to Person Court House, in North Carolina, or to Mount Tirzah, in the County and State last mentioned, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said States of Virginia and North Carolina.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the sixth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Lyon Lehman."

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the sixth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Lyon Lehman."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, the memorial of Henry Messonier, made a report; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the sixteenth, twentieth, and twenty-third ultimo, and the fourth instant, the memorial and

petitions of sundry weighers for the district and port of New York, of Joseph S. Martin and others, of Burnell Brown, and of Silvanus Crowell, made reports thereon ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial and petitions of the said weighers for the district and port of New York, Joseph S. Martin, Burnell Brown, and Silvanus Crowell, ought not to be granted ; and that they, respectively, have leave to withdraw their said memorial and petitions, with the papers accompanying the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the eighteenth, twenty-sixth, and twenty-seventh ultimo, and the first instant, the memorial and petitions of sundry manufacturers of umbrellas in the city of Philadelphia and its vicinity, and of sundry manufacturers of paper in the States of New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth ultimo, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware within the United States.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed, on the fourth of January last, to inquire whether any, and what, alterations should be made in the judicial establishment of the United States, and to report a provision for securing the impartial selection of juries in the Courts of the United States, to whom was referred, on the fifth of the same month, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, settled on the lands claimed under grants from the State of Connecticut antecedent to the trial before the Court of Commissioners between the said States of Pennsylvania and Connecticut, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the twenty-fifth of January last, and the twelfth ultimo, the petitions of John Skinner, of Robert Simison, and of William Smith, made reports thereon ; which were severally read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said reports be postponed until Monday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the settlement of the claims to the lands held by settlers and traders at Detroit, and within the jurisdiction and precinct thereof, which they may have a right to, by virtue of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between his Britannic Majesty and the United States ; and that the said committee report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Fearing, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Tenney, Mr. Elmer and Mr. Boude, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing the laws laying duties on stills and domestic distilled spirits, on refined sugar, licenses to retailers, sales at auction, pleasurable carriages, stamped vellum, parchment, and paper, and postage on newspapers, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Randolph, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal the internal taxes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled " An act to allow a drawback of duties on goods exported to New Orleans, and therein to amend the act, entitled ' An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage.' " The Senate have also postponed to the next session the bill, entitled " An act authorizing the payment of two thousand eight hundred dollars to Philip Sloan." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled " An act to repeal certain acts respecting the organization of the Courts of the United States, and for other purposes." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled " An act to amend an act, entitled ' An to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States,' " with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the eleventh and twenty-first of January last, the petition of Sarah Blackden, and the memorials of Johannis Remsen, and William Kowwenhoven, and of Johannis E. Lott and others, made reports thereon ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said petitioner and memorialists have leave to withdraw their respective petition and memorials.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the tenth, fifteenth, and twentieth ultimo, and the first instant, the petitions of William C. Webb, of Ludwig Kuhn, of Margaret Culbertson, and of Eve Bunce, made reports thereon ; which were severally read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitions, respectively, ought not to be granted.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Robert Power, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Francis Duchouquet ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first, second, third, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth, sixteenth, and seventeenth amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

On the question that the House do agree with the Senate in their fourth amendment to the said bill, to wit :

Section fourth, line second, strike out "*twenty-five*," and insert "*forty*."

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 24,
 { Nays 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Robert Brown,
John Campbell,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Benjamin Huger,
Charles Johnson,

William Jones,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Lewis R. Morris,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
Samuel Smith,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Benjamin Walker, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Thomas Boude,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,

Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Heister,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
Thomas Moore,
Joseph H. Nicholson,

Joseph Peirce,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, junr.

John Stewart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson;
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
George B. Upham,
Isaac Van Horne,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Robert Williams.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendment.

On the question that the House do agree with the Senate in their fifth amendment to the said bill, to wit :

Section fifth, line sixth, strike out "*twenty*," and insert "*forty*."

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendment.

On the question that the House do agree with the Senate in their fifteenth amendment to the said bill, to wit :

Section twenty-fourth, strike out all the words after "discharge" in the third line, and insert as follows, viz: "To each officer, whose term of service in any military corps of the United States shall not have exceeded three years, three months' pay; to all other officers so deranged, one month's pay of their grades respectively, for each year of past service in the Army of the United States, or in any regiment or corps, now or formerly in the service thereof:"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 36,
 { Nays 35.

The Speaker declaring himself with the nays.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Calvin Goddard,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,

William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Lewis R. Morris,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Abram Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Benjamin Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,

Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,

Thomas Newton, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,

Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson, and
John Trigg.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1802.

A memorial of sundry merchants of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, and citizens of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of depredations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, while in pursuit of their lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Also, a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of New London, in the State of Connecticut, and citizens of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants in the city of Baltimore, to the same effect.

A petition of John Logan and James Puff Losey, inhabitants of the State of New Jersey, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for sundry supplies furnished by the petitioners for the use of the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A petition of sundry merchants residing in the city and State of New York, importers of cotton, hickles, and other raw materials, for manufacture, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating the inconveniences and expense to which the petitioners are subjected, by being obliged, under the quarantine laws of the said State, to unlade and deposite, for a limited time in every year, the said articles on Staten Island; and praying that they may be permitted to keep the same in the public store-houses of the United States erected on the island aforesaid, free from storage, during the period of such quarantine.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth of January last, to inquire and report whether any, and what, alterations are necessary to be made in the "Act respecting quarantine and health laws."

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States:'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first, second, and third amendments.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the fourth amendment of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Francis Duchouquet; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the fourth section of the engrossed bill for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said fourth section again under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and being further amended at the Clerk's table, was again read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered. That the said fourth section as amended, together with the bill, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the

Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the tenth ultimo, on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1802.

An engrossed bill for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization was read the third time :

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	59,
{ Nays	27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 James A. Bayard,
 Phanuel Bishop,
 Thomas Boude,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 John Dennis,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Andrew Gregg,
 William Barry Grove,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,

David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,

**Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
John C. Smith,
Josiah Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,**

**Benjamin Walker, and
Eemuel Williams.**

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on the second Monday in April next :

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 42.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are;

Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Robert Williams.

George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
John Milledge,
Lewis R. Morris,
Anthony New,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,

Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Mitchell, from the committee appointed, on the thirty-first of December last, on "so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the eighth of the same month, as relates to Naval preparations, and the establishment of sites for Naval purposes," to whom was re-committed, on the ninth ultimo, a report on the same subject, made an amendatory report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1802.

A memorial of the Illinois and Ouabache Land Companies was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will be pleased to devise some speedy and effectual mode for a final investigation and decision of the claims of the memorialists, as proprietors of lands purchased from the Indians prior to the American Revolution, either in the courts of law of the United States, or by law commissioners, specially to be appointed for that purpose.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the fourth of January last, to inquire whether any, and what, alteration should be made in the judicial establishment of the United States, and to report a provision for securing the impartial selection of juries in the courts of the United States; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of Henry Rutgers, Alexander Robinson, and Marinus Willet, for themselves and Melancton Smith, deceased, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a judgment obtained against the petitioners, on behalf of the United States, as securities for John Lamb, late Collector for the District and Port of New York.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, the petition of Francis Duchemin, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Francis Duchemin ought not be granted; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition, together with the papers accompanying the same.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, to whom was re-committed, on the twenty-seventh of January last, their report on the memorial of Thomas K. Jones, made an amendatory report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Collector for the port of Boston and Charlestown be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue to Thomas K. Jones the debentures on ten pipes of wine, imported by said Jones in the ship Juno, captain Thomas Dingley, and exported, on the fifteenth of June last, in the ship Enterprize, captain Hearsy, for Havana, on full and satisfactory proof being made to the said collector of the actual quantity of wine in the said pipes, at the time of their being shipped, as aforesaid: *Provided*, that every other requisite shall have been pursued, agreeably to law, for the obtaining the said drawback.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth instant, the petitions of John Logan and of James Puff Losey, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petitions ought not to be granted.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth of January last, the petition of David Meade Randolph, made a report, which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to apportion to the several Marshals of the Districts of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, respectively, who have been employed or concerned in taking the late

Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Andrew Gregg,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
William H. Hill,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib.

John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchill,
 Thomas Moore,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Thomas Plater,
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of *New York*,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,

Richard Stanford,
 John Stanley,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Benjamin Walker, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bacon,
 Phauel Bishop,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 Archibald Henderson,
 Joseph Peirce,

Nathan Read,
 John Rutledge,
 John Cotton Smith,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 Lemuel Williams.

And so the said petition was rejected.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:
Resolved, That the sum of — dollars ought to be appropriated to the erection and repair of piers in the river Delaware :

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the marshals of certain districts therein mentioned ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1802.

An engrossed bill for the relief of the marshals of certain districts therein mentioned was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of the marshals of certain districts therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House being informed that Narsworthy Hunter, the Delegate from the Mississippi Territory, in this House, died last evening:

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of Narsworthy Hunter, late a Delegate from the Mississippi Territory ; and that this House will attend the same.

Resolved, That the members testify their respect for the memory of the said Narsworthy Hunter, by wearing a crape on the left arm, for one month.

Resolved, That the Speaker of this House address a letter to the Governor of the Mississippi Territory, to inform him of the death of Narsworthy Hunter, the Delegate from the said Territory in this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Ordered, That Mr. Leib, Mr. Davis, Mr. Holland, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

A memorial of sundry merchants and others, residing in the county of Middlesex, and State of Connecticut, and citizens of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of depre-

dations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, while in pursuit of their lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city of Baltimore, on the same subject.

A petition of John D'Wolf, of Bristol, in the State of Rhode Island, merchant, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of a certain bond, given by the petitioner to the collector for the district of Boston and Charlestown, conditioned for the delivery of a quantity of spirits distilled within the United States, out of the limits of the same; which distilled spirits were actually exported some time in the year 1796, to the coast of Africa, and a certificate obtained of their having been duly landed there; but, owing to a miscarriage or loss of the said certificate, a judgment on the said bond has been rendered against the petitioner, in the district court of the United States for the district of Massachusetts, for the amount thereof, together with costs of suit.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Joseph Shaylor was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in consideration of military services rendered, and a wound received, by the petitioner, whilst a Major in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Thomas K. Jones; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Jackson, from the committee to whom was re-committed, on the fifth ultimo, the bill for the relief of Isaac Zane, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the convention made between the United States and the French Republic; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that the funeral of Narsworthy Hunter, late a Delegate in this House from the Mississippi Territory, who died last evening, will be attended to-morrow, at twelve o'clock; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the accommodation of persons concerned in certain fisheries therein mentioned;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Duchouquet." The Senate have appointed Mr. Ellery of the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part, in the absence of Mr. Wright. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to extinguish the claims of the United States for balances reported against certain States by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act fixing the Military peace establishment of the United States;" and another entitled "An act to amend an act, enti-

filed 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States;' and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the report of the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the claims of the United States, for certain balances which, by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States, were reported to be due from several of the States to the United States," made, and ordered to lie on the table, on the fifth instant, be re-committed to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bayard, Mr. Dana, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Butler.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1802.

The House met pursuant to adjournment.

And, a quorum of the whole number not being present,

The House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Rutledge have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

A memorial of Ferdinand Mullenheim, a subject of the King of Denmark, and resident merchant in the Island of St. Thomas, was presented to the House and read, praying that the sum of four thousand and fifty-seven dollars may be refunded to him by the United States, it being the balance of the proceeds of sale of the schooner Nymph and her cargo, the property of the memorialist, which were fraudulently run away with from the Island of Saint Domingo, by the Captain of the said schooner, to the river Potomac, in the United States, where, in attempting to smuggle the cargo, the said Captain was detected, and the vessel and cargo seized, condemned, and sold, for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of New London, in the State of Connecticut, and citizens of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of depredations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, while in pursuit of their lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee, appointed on the fifth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city of Baltimore, on the same subject.

A petition of Isidore Stouf was presented to the House and read, praying that he may be allowed, and paid, the extra expenses incurred by the petitioner, whilst employed as a temporary engineer to superintend the erection of fortifications on Savannah and Saint Mary's rivers, in the State of Georgia, some time in the year 1794.

Also, a petition of Frances Sheftall, of the town of Savannah, in the State of Georgia, widow of Mordecai Sheftall, deceased, praying that Congress will re-consider and decide on a petition presented the 29th of March, 1792, respecting the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the services of the deceased, as a Deputy Commissary General of Issues for the Southern department, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of sundry members of the Franklin Typographical Association of the city and State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that no higher or other duty, than that which is at present imposed by law, may be laid on the importation of printing types from foreign countries, for the reasons therein specified.

Also, a petition of sundry hatters, of the city of Albany, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of hats from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of the

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the first ultimo, a report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Paul Coulon, a French citizen, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said report be re-committed to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee appointed, on the seventh of January last, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, addition it may be necessary to make to the military stores of the United States," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John D'Wolf ought not to be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw the same.

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire whether any further compensation, than is already provided by law, ought to be made to the Commissioners of the direct tax, or any of them; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

A motion was made and seconded to postpone the same until to-morrow, and that the House do now proceed to the consideration of a motion, in the words following, to wit :

And on the question that the House do agree to the said motion to postpone, for the purpose aforesaid,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Rutledge,
John C. Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,

Phanuel Bishop,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,

Michael Leib,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, *New York*,
 John Smith, *Virginia*,
 Josiah Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to repeal the internal taxes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr Thomas, from the committee to whom was re-committed, on the twelfth instant, a report of the same committee, appointed "to inquire into the expediency of extinguishing the claims of the United States for certain balances, which, by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States, were reported to be due from several of the States to the United States," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States ;'" another entitled "An act fixing the Military peace establishment of the United States ;" another entitled "An act for the accommodation of persons concerned in certain fisheries therein mentioned ;" and another entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Duchouquet."

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 1802.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, who were instructed on the 29th of January last, "to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the payment of such loan office and final settlement certificates as may have been lost, and for the payment or renewal of which, application was made prior to the twelfth day of June, 1794," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred, on the fifteenth ultimo, such parts of a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Fairfield, in the Northwestern Territory of the United States, "as relate to the payment of interest on the principal amount of the purchase money due by the petitioners to the United States, for lands in the said territory, until the instalments of the principal shall, respectively, become due, and to a revision and amendment of the laws of Congress respecting the purchase and title of the said lands," made a report thereon ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

The order of the day for the third-reading of an engrossed bill to extinguish the claims of the United States for balances reported against certain States, by the Commissioners appointed to settle the accounts between the United States and the individual States, being called for ;

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 48,
{ Nays 42.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Joseph Peirce,
Nathan Read,
John Smilie.
Israel Smith,
John Cotton Smith,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
George B. Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 James A. Bayard,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Dawson,
 John Dennis,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Abiel Foster,
 Andrew Gregg,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 Samuel L. Mitchill.

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
John Stewart,
John Stratton,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Benjamin Walker,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit: one entitled "An act fixing the Military Peace

Establishment of the United States ;" another entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States ;' another entitled "An act for the accommodation of persons concerned in certain fisheries therein mentioned; and another entitled "An act for the relief of Francis Duohouquet."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to repeal the internal taxes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and partly considered.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1802.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the State of Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the town of New Castle, in the said State, may, by law, be established as a port of entry, for the convenience and benefit of the memorialists and others, citizens of the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Also, a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of New Castle, and its vicinity, and of other citizens of the State of Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such a sum of money as Congress, in their wisdom, shall deem proper, may be appropriated for defraying the expense of erecting piers in the river Delaware, in or near the harbor of New Castle, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Petitions of sundry inhabitants of the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, were presented to the House and read, stating their disapprobation of certain proceedings of the Legislative and Executive authorities thereof; and praying that a State Government may be established for the People of the said territory, to be admitted into the Union upon the same terms with the original States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fifth instant, a report of the committee appointed on the 29th of January last, to whom was referred "the census of the inhabitants of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought, at this time, to be taken for enabling the People of the said territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union upon the same terms with the original States."

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth of December last, the memorial of Philip Lightfoot, presented the eleventh of December, one thousand eight hundred, made a report thereon ; which was read. Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Wadsworth, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the time of holding the District Court in the District of Maine ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to empower John James Dufour, and his accociates, to purchase certain lands;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to repeal the internal taxes ; and the same being again read, and amended at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the first section thereof, the words "refined sugars;"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30,
 { Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Seth Hastings,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,
 Joseph Peirce,
 Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Stanley,
 John Stratton,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Benjamin Walker, and
 Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,

George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchill,
 Thomas Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of New York,
 John Smith, of Virginia,
 Josiah Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the said first section thereof, the words "*licences to retailers,*" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "*bohea tea.*"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James B. Bayard,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dennis,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,

Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Seth Hastings,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,

John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,

William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the said first section thereof, the words "*sales at auction*," for the purpose of inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "*coffee*." Whereupon,

A division of the question on the said motion was called for, which being objected to, as not in order,

Mr. Speaker decided that, in his opinion, the question was not divisible; from which decision of the Chair an appeal was made to the House; and, on the question, "Is the decision of the Chair in order?"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 40,
 { Nays 48.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,

William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
William Jones,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,

Joseph H. Nicholson,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
Josiah Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,

Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William H. Hill,
James Holland,

George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Isaac Van Horne.

And, thereupon, the question being taken that the House do agree to the first member of the division of the question, to wit: for striking out the words "*sales at auction*,"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 32,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Benjamin Walker,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,

Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,

Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 Michael Leib,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchill,

Thomas Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, junr.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, junr.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of New York,
 John Smith, of Virginia,
 Josiah Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, junr.
 John Stewart,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

After which, the question recurring that the House do agree to the last member of the division of the question, to wit: to insert, in the said first section, the word "coffee," in lieu of the words "*sales at auction*."

The said question was objected to, as not in order,

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 1802.

An engrossed bill to alter the time of holding the District Court in the District of Maine was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to alter the time of holding the District Court in the District of Maine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth of January last, the petition of Peter Merceir, made a report thereon, which was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Peter Mercier ought not to be granted.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was also referred, on the twenty-ninth of January last, the petition of Alexander Roxborough, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixteenth instant, a report of the Committee of Claims on the subject of Loan Office and final settlement certificates.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to empower John James Dufour and his associates to purchase certain lands," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to repeal the internal taxes: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by inserting, after the words "collection of," in the fourth line of the first section, the words "the internal:"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Another motion was then made and seconded that the House proceed to reconsider their vote of yesterday, on an appeal from the decision of the Chair, on the question, "Is the decision of the Chair in order?"

And, on the question to re-consider,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 38,
 { Nays 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
William Jones,

Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
Josiah Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
James Holland,
George Jackson,

Charles Johnson,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
John Randolph, junr.
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by striking out the word "*pleasurable*," next before the word carriages; in the first section thereof,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by striking out the word "*carriages*," in the said first section thereof,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 25,
 { Nays 48.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,

John Davenport,
John Dennis,

Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,

John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
John P. Van Ness,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer, and
Peleg Wadsworth.

William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, junr.
John Smilie,
John Smith, *of New York*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Stewart,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill, by inserting, after the word "carriages," in the sixth line of the first section thereof, the words "for the conveyance of persons,"

And, the question being taken thereupon,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the bill by inserting, after the words "stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," in the sixth line of the said first section, the following words, "the duties on imported brown sugar:"

On which motion,

The previous question was called for by five members, to wit: "Shall the main question to agree to the said motion be now put?"

And, on the previous question, to wit: "Shall the said main question be now put?"

It passed in the negative { Yeas 25,
 { Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dennis,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Thomas Lowndes,

Ebenezer Mattoon,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,

George B. Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Peleg Wadsworth,

Lemuel Williams, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,

William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, junr.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
John P. Van Ness.

A call was then made for the question to engross the bill, in order to its being read a third time :

On which call,

Mr. Speaker declared that, in his opinion, it was not in order to engross the bill until the main question on the motion, on which the previous question had been called for and taken, should be put and decided by the House ; and that it was, farther, the opinion of the Chair, it was not in order to call for, or put the main question on, any motion, the same day on which the previous question on such motion was called for, and decided in the negative, by the House. Whereupon, an appeal was demanded from the decision of the Chair,

When, an adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Heister have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after to-morrow, for ten days, and Mr. Leib, from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

A petition of James Bell, of Cumberland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for the value of a wagon and team, the property of the petitioner, which were impressed into the service of a detachment of the Army of the United States, acting on the Western Expedition against the Insurgents, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of the Washington Building Company was presented to the House and read, praying that an act of Congress may pass, to incorporate the said Company, to encourage and promote the erecting, building, finishing, and purchasing dwelling houses, and other buildings, in the City of Washington.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill relative to public piers in the river Delaware ; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Southard, from the committee appointed on the tenth of December last, presented, according to order, a bill further to alter and establish certain post-roads ; which was received, and read the first time.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report such laws of the United States as have expired, or are near expiring, made a farther report, in part; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

And, on the question, "Is the first part of the decision of the Chair in order, to wit: "That, in the opinion of the Speaker, it was not in order to engross the bill, until the main question on the motion on which the previous question had been called for and taken, should be put and decided by the House?"

Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
William Jones,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read.

John Smilie,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,

Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
John P. Van Ness,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
William Helms,
James Holland.

Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
John Randolph, junr.
John Stewart,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Joseph B. Varnum.

On the question, "Is the second part of the decision of the Chair in order, to wit: 'and that it was farther the opinion of the Chair, it was not in order to call for, or put the main question on, any motion, the same day on which the previous question on such motion was called for, and decided in the negative by the House?'"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
{ Nays 4.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,

Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Morris,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, junr.
Nathan Read,
John Smilie,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,

George B. Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,

Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Bacon,
William Butler,

John Dawson,
George Jackson.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the said bill, by inserting, after the words "stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," in the sixth line of the first section thereof, the following words, "the duties on imported brown sugars,"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,

Thomas Morris,
Joseph Pierce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the

bill, by inserting, after the words "stamped vellum, parchment, and paper," as aforesaid, the words, "the duties on imported coffee,"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 28,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,

Ebenezer Mattoon,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Joseph Peirce,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth.
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Fustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,

James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by adding to the end thereof a new section, in the words following, to wit :

"And be it further enacted, That all persons who shall have any blank vellum, parchment, or paper, which has been stamped, and on which a duty has been paid to the use of the Government, at the time when a stamp ceases to be required, in consequence of this act, shall be entitled to receive from the Collectors of the Customs of the respective districts, the value of the said stamps, after deducting, in all cases, seven and a half per cent ; and the said Collectors are hereby authorized to pay the same ; provided the said blank vellum, parchment, or paper, be presented within four months after the expiration of the time that stamps are required."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

No farther amendment being offered to the bill, Mr. Speaker stated the question, that the said bill, together with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed for a third reading : Whereupon,

Ordered, That Monday next be assigned for the third reading of the said bill. The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next. And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Henderson have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

A petition of Richard Soderstrom, attorney in fact for Paolo Paoly, a subject of the King of Denmark, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will pass an act to authorize the payment of seven thousand and forty dollars fifty-five cents, and costs of suit, awarded by a reversing decree of the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Pennsylvania, on an appeal from the decision of the District Judge of the said District, in the case of a Danish schooner, called the Amphitheatre, and her cargo, the property of the said Paoly, which were captured near the island of Saint Domingo, by the United States' schooner Experiment, and sent to Philadelphia, where the said schooner and cargo were condemned and sold some time in the year one thousand eight hundred, on the ground that the said schooner was an armed vessel belonging to the French Republic.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Eustis, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. John Cotton Smith; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry merchants, of the town of Natchez, in the Mississippi Territory of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying such a revision and amendment of the laws of revenue as will relieve them from the payment of double duties on merchandise shipped from the ports of the United States to any port in the said territory.

Also, a petition of sundry shoemakers in the town of Lynn, and State of Massachusetts, signed by Joseph Fuller, and others, their committee, praying that Congress will prohibit the importation of the article of women's shoes, or adopt such measures, as, in their wisdom, may be deemed reasonable and proper, for the encouragement and protection of that manufacture within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Memorials of sundry merchants, of the town of Boston, and its vicinity, in the State of Massachusetts, and of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Norwich and New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, whose names are thereunto subscribed, were presented to the House and read, respectively praying relief in the case of depredations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, while in pursuit of their lawful commerce, during the late European war, by the ships and cruisers of the French Republic.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city of Baltimore, to the same effect.

The petitions of John Travers, and of Charles A. Beatty, of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, were presented to the House and read, praying that special acts of insolvency may be passed by Congress in their favor, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to Mr. Dennis, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. Van Ness, and Mr. Dickson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the tenth of December last, the petition of John Holland, junior, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill to repeal the internal taxes was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the said bill be re-committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House,

It passed in the negative.

And then the main question being taken, that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 61,
Nays 24.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,

George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
William Jones,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, junior,
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
William H. Hill,
Thomas Lowndes,
Ebenezer Mattoon,

Lewis R. Morris,
Joseph Pierce,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Resolved, That the title of the bill be, "An act to repeal the internal taxes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 1802.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee to whom were referred, on the seventh and twenty-seventh of January last, the memorial of Evan Thomas, and others, and a message from the President of the United States on the subject of Indian affairs.

A petition of Samuel Corp, of the City and State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying that he may receive payment on certain certificates of debenture issued to the petitioner by the Collector of the District and port of New York, on

account of merchandise intended for the Spanish market, which was actually shipped from the port of New York, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, for the port of New Orleans, in the vessel in which the same was imported from London, without being landed at the said port of New York.

Also, a petition of sundry calico printers, in the city of Philadelphia and elsewhere, within the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an additional duty may be imposed by law on the importation of all printed or died muslins; or the allowance of a drawback of the original duties on all plain muslins printed or died with fast and sound colors, within the United States.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of sundry hatters, in the city of Schenectady, and the towns of Ballstown, Milton, and Stillwater, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on hats imported from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of that article in the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth ultimo, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gun-powder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the several acts relative to the establishment of a marine corps, and in an act fixing the rank and pay of the commanding officer of the corps of marines, and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the consideration of the said motion be postponed until Thursday next.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House such information as he may have received, relative to the copper-mines on the South side of Lake Superior, in pursuance of a resolution passed the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred, authorizing the appointment of an agent for that purpose.

Ordered, That Mr. Gregg and Mr. Stratton be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the Convention made between the United States and the French Republic; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to fill up the blank in the bill with the words "three hundred and eighteen thousand dollars," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, being twice read, as followeth:

Strike out the words "*first, out of the proceeds of any French prizes which have or may come into the Treasury of the United States, and which have not yet been otherwise applied; and secondly:*"

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 52,
Nays 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,

Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dawson,

John Dennis,
 William Eustis,
 Abiel Foster,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 John A. Hanna,
 Seth Hastings,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Helms,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 William H. Hill,
 William Hoge,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Ebenezer Mattoon,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,

Thomas Newton, jr.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Joseph Peirce,
 Nathan Read,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Smith, of *New York*,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 John Stanley
 John Stratton,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 George B. Upham,
 Joseph B. Varnum,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Benjamin Walker,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are;

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf
 Edwin Gray,
 Andrew Gregg,

David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 William Jones,
 John Randolph, jr.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Josiah Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jr.
 John Taliaferro, jr. and
 Isaac Van Horne.

The other amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1802.

A new member, to wit : Walter Bowie, from the State of Maryland, returned to serve in this House as a member for the said State, in the room of Richard Sprigg, who has resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House, the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the Convention made between the United States and the French Republic was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the Convention made between the United States and the French Republic."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a letter to him from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and sundry statements, marked A, B, C, D, and E, prepared in pursuance of an act, entitled "An act establishing a mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, the petition of Timothy Williams, for himself and John Williams, and for Joseph Lee, junior, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gregg, from the committee appointed, yesterday, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House, "requesting information respecting the copper mines on the South side of Lake Superior," reported that the committee had, according to order, performed the service assigned to them.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee appointed on the ninth and seventeenth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for opening a canal to communicate from the Potomac river to the Eastern branch thereof, through the City of Washington, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the first instant, the memorial of Stephen Sayre, made a report; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his said memorial.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom were referred, on the twenty-fifth of January last, and the eighth ultimo, the petitions of Elisha Bennett, and of Robert Sanders, made reports thereon; which were severally read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitions of the said Elisha Bennett and Robert Sanders ought not to be granted.

Mr. Stanley, from the committee to whom was referred, on the nineteenth of January last, a petition of Memucan Hunt and others, addressed to the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina; and to whom were also referred sundry resolutions of the said Assembly, respecting a claim of the petitioners for the value of certain lands in the State of Tennessee, held under grants from the State of North Carolina, prior to the cession of the said lands to the United States, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the consideration of a motion, made the tenth instant, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present session, by adjourning their respective Houses on the second Monday in April next.

And, the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to convey certain parcels of land therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jones reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee to whom was yesterday committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force "An act to augment the salaries of certain officers therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jones reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1802.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," was read the third time.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Milledge, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the credentials of Walter Bowie, returned to serve in this House as a member for the State of Maryland, in the room of Richard Sprigg, who has resigned his seat, made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

"That it appears, from a certificate signed by the Governor of the State of Maryland, in Council, and under the seal of the said State, that Walter Bowie was duly elected to serve as a member of the House of Representatives of the United States, in the place of Richard Sprigg, who had resigned his seat.

"That the resignation of Richard Sprigg satisfactorily appears from his letter of the tenth of February last, addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

"*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of the committee, Walter Bowie is entitled to take a seat in the House, as one of the Representatives for the State of Maryland, in the room of Richard Sprigg."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider whether any, and, if any, what reduction ought to be made from the pay of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, as now established by law; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to the committee appointed on the fourth of January last, "to inquire whether any, and what, reduction can be made in the Civil Government of the United States."

Mr Elmendorf, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the petition of Theodosius Fowler, presented the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and one, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment, reported yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act to augment the salaries of certain officers therein mentioned," passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and the said amendment being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, at the Clerk's table, by striking out, in the third, fourth, and fifth lines, the words "*said act, entitled 'An act to augment the salaries of certain officers therein mentioned,' be, and the same is hereby, revived, and continued in force for and,*" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words, to wit: "in lieu of the salaries heretofore allowed by law to the Officers of the Government of the United States, herein mentioned, the following annual compensations be, and are hereby, granted to the said officers, respectively, from the commencement of the present year, that is to say:

The Secretary of State	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Secretary of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Secretary of War	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Secretary of the Navy	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Attorney General	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Comptroller of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Auditor of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Commissioner of the Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Register of the Treasury	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Accountant of the War Department	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,
The Accountant of the Navy Department	-	-	-	-	-	—	dollars,

The Postmaster General dollars,
 And the Assistant Postmaster General dollars,
 which sums shall be, respectively, paid quarterly, at the Treasury of the United States.”
 And, on the question, that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 37,
 { Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Bacon,
 James A. Bayard,
 Walter Bowie,
 John Campbell,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 Ebenézer Elmer,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Edwin Gray,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 Seth Hastings,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 William H. Hill,
 William Hoge,
 Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,
 Joseph Peirce,
 Nathan Read,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Stanley,
 John Stratton,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Isaac Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Benjamin Walker,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 Andrew Gregg,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Charles Johnson,
 John Milledge,

Samuel L. Mitchill,
 Thomas Moore,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of New York,
 John Smith, of Virginia,
 Josiah Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum, and
 Robert Williams.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor; for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of Newcastle Island; for erecting a light-house on Lynde's Point, and for other purposes,” with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretaries of the Departments of State, Treasury, War, and Navy, respectively, be, and they are hereby, directed to lay before this House, a state-

ment of the application of the appropriations made by Congress for Clerk hire in their respective Departments, specifying the persons, and the salaries allowed to each, for the last three years.

A petition of sundry printers, booksellers, and other inhabitants of the town of Boston, and its vicinity, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that no higher or other duty than that at present imposed by law, may be laid on the importation of printing types from foreign countries, for the reasons therein specified.

Also, a memorial of sundry journeymen printers, members of "The Boston Franklin Association," to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth ultimo, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gunpowder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone ware, within the United States.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1802.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such a system of internal government and police may be established in and for the said District, as Congress, in their wisdom, shall deem proper, which will possess powers of legislation commensurate with the objects to be effected, and be responsible to the inhabitants by free and frequent elections.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing Government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A memorial of Andrew Taylor, of the State of New York, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim of the memorialist, for the balance of pay and subsistence due to him as a Major in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Also, a petition of Lawrence Brooke, of the county of Spottsylvania, in the State of Virginia, praying that he may receive the commutation of five years' full pay, and other emoluments due to him for his services as a Surgeon on board the Continental ship of war, *Le Bon Homme Richard*, under the command of Captain John Paul Jones, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, to which the petitioner conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of Congress under the former Government.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, who were instructed, on the fifteenth instant, "to inquire whether any further compensation than is already provided by law, ought to be made to the Commissioners of the Direct Tax, or any of them," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-second instant, the petition of Richard Soderstrom, attorney in fact for Paolo Paoly, a subject of the King of Denmark, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor; for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of Newcastle Island; for erecting a light-house on Lynde's Point, and for other purposes: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry to the Senate, a statement communicated to this House by the President, with his message of the seventeenth ultimo; and to ask of the Senate, in exchange therefor, the roll of the persons having office or employment under the United States, which was communicated to them with a message of the same date.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency or in expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the

duties, in all cases, which have accrued, or may accrue, on spirits distilled, and on stills within the United States, upon satisfactory proof being made to the said Secretary, that such stills, or distilling materials, have been accidentally destroyed by fire, rendered useless by an inundation of water, or other unavoidable casualty; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

An engrossed bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act to augment the salaries of certain officers therein mentioned," passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, was read the third time,

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It passed in the affirmative, { Yeas 50,
Nays 22.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Andrew Gregg,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
William H. Hill,

James Holland,
Benjamin Huger,
William Jones,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
Samuel Tenney
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas T. Davis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Seth Hastings,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Ebenezer Mattoon,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Morris,

Joseph Peirce,
Richard Stanford,
John Stewart,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
John Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne,
Benjamin Walker, and
Robert Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled "An act to augment the salaries of the officers therein mentioned," passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the fourth instant, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth of January last, "the census of the inhabitants of the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought at this time to be taken for enabling the People of the said territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union

upon the same terms with the original States ; and to whom were, also, referred petitions from sundry inhabitants of that territory to the like effect ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report and petitions under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report and petitions.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same being severally twice read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to, by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table ; and, together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to bring to this House the roll of the persons having office or employment under the United States, communicated to the Senate by a message from the President, of the seventeenth ultimo. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriation for defraying the expense of a negotiation with the British Government to ascertain the boundary line between the United States and Upper Canada ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Samuel Smith have leave to be absent from the service of this House for five days.

An engrossed bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to amend an act, entitled "An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures," was read the third time : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the town of Portsmouth, and its vicinity, in the State of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the

House and read, praying relief in the case of depredations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, while in pursuit of their lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city of Baltimore, to the same effect.

A petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the Corporation of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will empower the said Corporation to lay a tax on landed property within the said town, and its additions, for corporate purposes.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing Government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the middle part of the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, by the way of Reystertown, Hanover, Abbettstown, and Berlin, to Carlisle, in the said State of Pennsylvania.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the nineteenth instant, the bill further to alter and establish certain post roads.

A petition of Thomas Campbell was presented to the House and read, praying that a farther compensation may be granted him in addition to the allowance already made by an act of Congress, entitled "An act for the relief of David Cook and Thomas Campbell," in consideration of military services rendered, and wounds received, whilst a captain in the fourth Pennsylvania regiment on Continental establishment during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making a partial appropriation for the support of Government during the year one thousand eight hundred and two; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jones reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendatory bill for the relief of Isaac Zane; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to alter and establish certain post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to Mr. Southard, Mr. Archer, Mr. New, Mr. Boude, Mr. Butler, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Lemuel Williams.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1802.

A petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Chambersburg, in the county of Franklin, and State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from the said town of Chambersburg, by the way of Gettysburg, Petersburg, and Westminster, to the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland.

Also, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Petersburg, and its vicinity, in

the said State of Pennsylvania, praying that a post road may be established from Westminster, in Pennsylvania, by the way of Union-mills, in Maryland, Petersburg and Gettysburg, to Chambersburg, in the State of Pennsylvania aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A memorial of sundry cordwainers of the towns of Reading, Malden, and Stoneham, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed, by law, on the importation of shoes and boots from foreign countries, as may tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of those articles within the United States.

Also, a memorial of sundry cordwainers of the borough of Wilmington, in the State of Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A petition of Thomas Pollard, of the county of Fairfax, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying additional compensation for his services as an assistant to the Marshal of the District of Virginia, in taking the second census of the inhabitants of the division assigned to him by the said marshal.

Also, a petition of Nathaniel Martin, praying relief in consideration of military services rendered, and wounds received, whilst in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Also, a petition of Eleanor Haggert, praying that she may be allowed a farther compensation for her attendance as a witness in the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, on behalf of the United States, against a certain Daniel Hennissey, who has been tried and convicted of felony by the said court, in consideration of her detention in prison, from the fourteenth day of August to the eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and one, by not being able to give security for her said attendance, as is provided by an act of the State of Maryland, which, by adoption, has become a law of the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That the said petitions, together with the petition of John Porter, presented the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A memorial of John Smith, of the County of Hamilton, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will pass a law confirming to the memorialist the right of pre-emption to a certain tract of land in the said territory, purchased by him of John Cleves Symmes, and his associates, on the terms and conditions therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth of December last, the petition of James M'Cashen and others; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Two memorials of sundry inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, were presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will establish such a system of government or police in and for the said city, as, in their wisdom, shall be deemed proper, and which may possess powers of legislation commensurate with the objects to be effected, and be responsible to the inhabitants thereof, by free and frequent elections.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

An engrossed bill making a partial appropriation for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and two, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and two."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Isaac Zane was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Isaac Zane."

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to convey certain parcels of land therein mentioned;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Spaaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House two letters, one from the Secretary of War, and the other from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting statements of the application of the appropriations made by Congress for clerk hire in the Departments of War and of the Navy, respectively, specifying the names of the persons, and the salaries allowed to each for the last three years; in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-fifth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Davenport, from the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business, presented, according to order, a bill to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message in writing was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives:

The Secretary of State, charged with the civil affairs of the several Territories of the United States, has received from the Marshal of Columbia, a statement of the condition, unavoidably distressing, of the persons committed to his custody on civil or criminal process, and the urgency for some legislative provisions for their relief. There are other important cases, wherein the laws of the adjoining States, under which the Territory is placed, are insufficient for those of the Territory, from the dissimilar or defective organization of its authorities. The letter and statement of the Marshal, and the disquieting state of the Territory generally, are now submitted to the wisdom and consideration of the Legislature.

TH. JEFFERSON.

March 29th, 1802.

The said message, and the papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia."

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-sixth of January last, the bill for establishing the Government of the Territory of Columbia, be discharged therefrom; and that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until the last Monday in November next.

The House proceeded to consider, at the Clerk's table, the report of the committee of the fourteenth of December last, on the petition of James M'Cashen and others, referred on the eighth of the same month: Whereupon,

Resolved, That those persons who purchased lands of John Cleves Symmes, prior to the first of January, one thousand eight hundred, ought to have further time allowed them to pay the money, than is allowed by the act of Congress, of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and one.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Davis, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Fearing, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the better security of public money and property in the hands of public officers and agents;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Jones have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Friday next, for the remainder of the session.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same tenor and effect with the prayer of two memorials presented yesterday from sundry other inhabitants of the said City and District, was presented to the House and read.

Also, a petition of sundry members of the Roman Catholic Church, residing in the said city of Washington, praying that Congress will grant them the privilege of raising,

by the means of one or more lotteries, a sufficient sum of money to build and endow a church in the said city, for the accommodation and benefit of the petitioners, and of the religious society to which they are attached.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the borough of Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief, in the case of the depredations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists whilst in pursuit of their lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth ultimo, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city of Baltimore, on the same subject.

A memorial of sundry printers, booksellers, and stationers, in the city of Charleston, and State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that no higher or other duty than that at present imposed by law may be laid on the importation of printing types from foreign countries, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth ultimo, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, on the memorials and petitions of sundry manufacturers of gun-powder, of hats, of types, of brushes, and of stone-ware, within the United States.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the four Western counties of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the House will decide on their petition, presented on the twenty-second of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and grant relief in the premises.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was yesterday referred the petition of John Porter, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Two petitions of sundry citizens of the United States, residing between Elkton, in Maryland, and the borough of Lancaster, in Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, were presented to the House and read, praying that a post road may be established from Elkton aforesaid, by the way of the Brick Meeting House, the Unicorn, Black Horse, and Sorrel Horse taverns, to the said borough of Lancaster.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth of December last, to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States.

A memorial of sundry citizens of the counties of Morris, Sussex, and Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that encouragement and protection may be afforded to the manufacture of bar-iron, rolled iron, nail-rods, and nails, within the United States, in which the memorialists are concerned, by increasing the duty on the importation of iron from foreign countries, or otherwise, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth instant, the petition of Andrew Taylor, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was yesterday referred the petition of Thomas Pollard, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Thomas Pollard ought not be granted.

Mr. Eustis, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the twenty-sixth instant, the bill, entitled "An act for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor; for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of New Castle Island; for erecting a light-house on Lynde's point, and for other purposes," and, the amendments proposed by the Senate thereto, made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and together with the said amendments of the Senate, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The Secretary of War has prepared an estimate of expenditures for the Army of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and two, conformably with the act fixing the Military Peace Establishment, which estimate, with his letter accompanying and explaining it, I now transmit to both Houses of Congress.

TH. JEFFERSON.

March 30, 1802.

The said message, and papers transmitted therewith, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the better security of public money and property in the hands of public officers and agents," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" and another entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to convey certain parcels of land therein mentioned."

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in case of the death of a member of the House of Representatives at the seat of Government, while Congress is in session, the expenses accruing, in conformity to an order of the House, made to testify their respect for the deceased member, shall be paid out of the contingent funds of the House, and not out of his wages for travelling home, as is now allowed by law:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to Mr. Davis, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, and Mr. Nicholson, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the fourth instant, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth of January last, "the census of the inhabitants of the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought, at this time, to be taken, for enabling the People of the said territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union upon the same terms with the original States; and to whom were also referred petitions from sundry inhabitants of that territory, to the like effect;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report and petitions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, enclosing a statement of the application of the appropriations made by Congress for clerk hire in his Department, specifying the names of the persons, and the salaries allowed to each, for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, one thousand eight hundred, and one thousand eight hundred and one, in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-fifth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1802.

A petition of David Austin, in behalf of himself and others, inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, was presented to the House and read, praying that such a sum of money as Congress, in their wisdom, may deem sufficient, may be appropriated for the building of a house for the exercise of public worship, on the Capitol Hill, for the accommodation and benefit of the inhabitants, and the improvement of the said city.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth instant, the petition of Eleanor Haggerty, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was also referred, on the twenty-ninth instant, the petition of Nathaniel Martin, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition.

Mr. Davis, from the committee to whom was yesterday referred a motion respecting "members of this House dying at the seat of Government during a session of Congress," made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the expenses accruing by order of the House, in attending the funeral of Narsworthy Hunter, a member from the Mississippi Territory, be paid out of the contingent funds of the House.

Resolved, That the legal representatives of a member of this House, who shall die at the seat of Government, during the session, shall be entitled to receive the same allowance for his itinerant expenses, as the member would have been entitled to, had he returned to his place of abode.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

According to the desire expressed in your resolution of the twenty-third instant, I now transmit a report of the Secretary of State, with the letters it refers to, shewing the proceedings which have taken place under the resolution of Congress, of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred. The term prescribed for the execution of the resolution having elapsed before the person appointed had sat out on the service, I did not deem it justifiable to commence a course of expenditure after the expiration of the resolution authorizing it. The correspondence which has taken place, having regard to dates, will place this subject properly under the view of the House of Representatives.

TH. JEFFERSON.

March 31, 1802.

The said message was read, and, together with the papers referred to therein, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom was re-committed, on the twenty-seventh instant, the bill further to alter and establish certain post roads, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An act to amend, and reduce into one, the several acts of Assembly for improving the navigation of Appomattox river, from Broadway, to Pocahuntas bridge."

Ordered, That Mr. Giles, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Stanford, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to repeal the internal taxes," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the fourth instant, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth of January last, "the census of the inhabitants of the territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, with instructions to report whether any, and what, measures ought, at this time, to be taken, for enabling the People of the said territory to form a State Government for themselves, to be admitted into the Union, upon the same terms with the original States; and to whom were also referred petitions from sundry inhabitants of that territory to the like effect;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report and petitions under consideration, and had amended and agreed to the several resolutions and propositions reported by the select committee; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read as amended, and agreed to by the House as follow:

1st. *Resolved*, That provision ought, at this time, to be made by law, for enabling the inhabitants of the Eastern division of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form for themselves a Constitution and State Government: Provided, The same be republican, and not repugnant to the ordinance for the government of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, of the thirteenth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, nor repugnant to the Constitution of the United States; and, also, for the admission of such State, when the Government thereof shall be formed, into the Union, upon the same footing with the original States, in all respects whatever, by the name of the State of ———.

2d. *Resolved*, That said State of ——— ought to consist of all the territory included within the following boundaries, *to wit*: Bounded on the East by the Pennsylvania line, running from the territorial line in Lake Erie to the Ohio; on the South by the Ohio to the mouth of the Great Miami; on the West by a line drawn due North from the mouth of the Great Miami aforesaid; and on the North by an East and West line, drawn through the Southerly extreme of Lake Michigan, running East, after intersecting the due North line aforesaid, from the mouth of the Great Miami, until it shall intersect the waters of Lake Erie, or the territorial line, and thence, with the same, thro' Lake Erie, to the Pennsylvania line aforesaid, or place of beginning: Provided, That Congress shall, at any time hereafter, be at liberty either to attach all the territory lying East of the line, to be drawn due North from the mouth of the Miami aforesaid, to the territorial line, and North of an East and West line drawn through the Southerly extreme of Lake Michigan, running East as aforesaid to Lake Erie, to the aforesaid State, or dispose of it otherwise, in conformity to the fifth article of compact between the original States, and the People and States to be formed in the territory Northwest of the Ohio.

3d. *Resolved*, That provision ought to be made by law for calling a Convention within the Eastern division of the territory, to be composed of members to be apportioned amongst the several counties therein, in a ratio of one Representative for every ——— inhabitants of the said counties, according to the last enumeration of inhabitants thereof; also, for fixing the time, place, and mode, of making elections of members to compose such Convention, and the time and place for the meeting of the same; which Convention, when met, shall first determine, by a majority of the members present, provided the number present shall be a majority of the whole number chosen, whether it be or be not expedient, at that time, to form a Constitution and State Government for the People within the said territory; and, if it be determined to be expedient; then, in the next place, the Convention, shall be authorized to form a Constitution and State Government: Provided, The same shall be republican, and not repugnant to the ordinance of the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, between the original States and the People and States of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio, nor repugnant to the Constitution of the United States.

4th. *Resolved*, That, until the next general census shall be taken, the State of ——— shall be entitled to ——— representative in the House of Representatives of the United States.

The committee observe, that, in the ordinance for ascertaining the mode of disposing of Lands in the Western territory, of the twentieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, the following section, which, so far as respects the subject of schools, remains unaltered.

“There shall be reserved for the United States, out of every township, the four lots, being numbered eight, eleven, twenty-six, twenty-nine; and out of every fractional part of a township, so many lots of the same numbers as shall be found thereon, for future sale. There shall be reserved the lot No. sixteen, of every township, for the maintenance of public schools within the said township; also, one-third part of all gold, silver, lead, and copper mines, to be sold, or otherwise disposed of, as Congress shall hereafter direct.”

The committee also observe, in the third and fourth articles of the ordinance of the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, the following stipulations, to wit: Article third, “Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools, and the means of education, shall forever be encouraged,” &c.

Article 4th. “The Legislatures of those Districts or new States shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the soil by the United States in Congress assembled, nor with any regulations Congress may find necessary for securing the title in such soil to the bona fide purchasers. No tax shall be imposed on lands the property of the

United States; and in no case shall non-resident proprietors be taxed higher than residents."

The committee, taking into consideration these stipulations, viewing the lands of the United States within the said territory as an important source of revenue; deeming it also of the highest importance to the stability and permanency of the union of the Eastern and Western parts of the United States, that the intercourse should, as far as possible, be facilitated, and their interests be liberally and mutually consulted and promoted, are of opinion that the provisions of the aforesaid articles may be varied for the reciprocal advantage of the United States, and the State of —, when formed, and the People thereof; they have therefore deemed it proper, in lieu of the said provisions, to offer the following propositions to the Convention of the Eastern State of the said Territory, when formed, for their free acceptance or rejection, without any condition or restraint whatever; which, if accepted by the Convention, shall be obligatory upon the United States.

1st. That the section No. sixteen, in every township sold, or directed to be sold by the United States, shall be granted to the inhabitants of such townships for the use of schools.

2d. That the six miles reservation, including the salt springs, commonly called the Scioto salt springs, and the salt springs on or nigh the Muskingum, and in the Military tract, with the sections of land which include the same, shall be granted to the State of —, when formed, for the use of the People thereof, the same to be used under such terms, conditions, and regulations, as the Legislature of the said State shall direct: Provided, The said Legislature shall never sell, nor lease the same for a longer term than — years.

3d. That one tenth part of the nett proceeds of the lands lying in the said State, hereafter sold by Congress, after deducting all expenses incident to the same, shall be applied to the laying out and making turnpike or other roads, leading from the navigable waters emptying into the Atlantic to the Ohio, and continued afterwards through the State of —, such roads to be laid out under the authority of Congress, with the consent of the several States through which the road shall pass: Provided, That the Convention of the State of — shall, on its part, assent that every and each tract of land sold by Congress, shall be and remain exempt from any tax laid by order or under authority of the State, whether for State, county, township, or any other purpose whatever, for the term of ten years, from and after the completion of the payment of the purchase money on such tract of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Giles, Mr. Griswold, Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, and Mr. Condit, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Hill have leave to be absent from the service of this House from and after Thursday next; and Mr. Peirce, Mr. Mattoon, and Mr. Walker, from and after Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

A memorial of sundry merchants of the town of Salem, and its vicinity, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of depredations committed on the vessels and cargoes of the memorialists, whilst in pursuit of their lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Also, a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the island of Nantucket, in the said State of Massachusetts, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth of February last, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the City of Baltimore, on the same subject.

A memorial of sundry inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such a system of internal government or police may be established by Congress, in and for the said city, as shall possess powers of legislation commensurate with the objects to be effected, and be responsible to the inhabitants thereof, by free and frequent elections.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or

amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirty-first of December last, the petition of Constant Freeman, junior, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-fifth of January, a report of the Committee of Claims on the petition of Caleb Eddy.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the seventh of January last, the memorial of Samuel Brook Beall, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the sixteenth ultimo, a report of the Committee of Claims on the subject of loan-office and final settlement certificates.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to whom were referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petitions of John Travers, and of Charles A. Beatty, have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Dennis, from the said committee, made a report on the petitions last mentioned; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dennis, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John Travers and Charles A. Beatty; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to repeal the internal taxes:" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, together with the amendments, be committed to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to furnish this House with an estimate of the expenses incurred by the United States in the exercise of jurisdiction over the Territory of Columbia, since the assumption of jurisdiction by Congress.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making appropriation for defraying the expense of a negotiation with the British Government to ascertain the boundary line between the United States and Upper Canada; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time.

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to empower John James Dufour and his associates to purchase certain lands;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof; and that the said bill be re-committed to Mr. Elmendorf, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Cutler.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Zane," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the Convention made between the United States and the French Republic;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and two." I am directed to inform this House that the President of the

United States did, on the thirtieth ultimo, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate: one entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to convey certain parcels of land therein mentioned;" and another entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the thirtieth ultimo, to whom were referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor, for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of New-castle Island; for erecting a light-house on Lynde's Point, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said report and amendments at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first, third, fifth, and sixth amendments.

Resolved, That this House doth also agree to the second part of the second and fourth amendments, with amendments to the same, respectively.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to so much of the second and fourth amendments of the Senate, as proposes to strike out certain words in the fourth and fifth sections of the original bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the twelfth of February last, to whom was referred a message from the President of the United States, transmitting a memorial and letter to him from the Commissioners of the City of Washington; and to whom was also referred, on the fifth of the same month, a motion respecting the discontinuance of the offices of the said Commissioners; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Zane:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered. That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Gregg have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Tuesday next, and Mr. Grove after Wednesday next, for the remainder of the session.

A representation of sundry merchants, of the town of Portland, in the District of Maine, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of depredations committed on their vessels and cargoes, whilst in pursuit of lawful commerce, by the privateers of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Also, a memorial of sundry merchants of Newburyport and its vicinity, in the said State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the like effect.

Ordered, That the said representation and memorial be referred to the committee appointed on the fifth of February last, to whom was referred a memorial of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants of the city of Baltimore, on the same subject.

Mr. Bacon, from the committee appointed, on the fourth of January last, to whom it was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, "to consider whether any, and, if any, what, reduction ought to be made from the pay of the Senators and Representatives in Congress, as now established by law," made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the House do now proceed to re-consider their decision, made the twentieth of January last, on a report of the

Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of Francis Cazeau, a French citizen,

It passed in the negative.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed, on the thirty-first ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed on the eighth of February last, presented, according to order, a bill to repeal so much of the acts: the one entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States;" the other, "An act entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States" as relate to the establishment of the Mint; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act making a partial appropriation for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and two;" another entitled "An act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the Convention between the United States and the French Republic;" another entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Zane;" and another entitled "An act making appropriation for defraying the expense of a negotiation with the British Government to ascertain the boundary line between the United States and Upper Canada;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, who were instructed, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency or in expediency of authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the duties, in all cases which have accrued, or may accrue, on spirits distilled, and on stills, within the United States, upon satisfactory proof being made to the said Secretary that such stills, or distilling materials, have been accidentally destroyed by fire, rendered useless by an inundation of water, or other unavoidable casualty," made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to authorize the remission of the duties which have accrued, or may accrue, on distillation, in any case whatever.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed on the thirty-first ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill to enable the People of the Eastern division of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the twelfth of February last, to whom was referred a message from the President of the United States, transmitting a memorial and letter to him from the Commissioners of the City of Washington; and to whom was also referred, on the fifth of the same month, a motion respecting the discontinuance of the offices of the said Commissioners; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That, from and after the — day of — next, the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington ought to be abolished, and thereafter all the powers vested in the said Board ought to be vested in, and discharged by, an agent, to be appointed by, and to be under the control of, the President of the United States.

2. *Resolved*, That, prior to the first day of March next, the said Commissioners ought to settle their accounts with the accounting officers of the Treasury; and all debts which have been contracted by them in their capacity as Commissioners, and for the

payment of which no particular provision is hereinafter made, ought to be discharged in the usual manner, by the said agent.

3. *Resolved*, That so many of those lots in the City of Washington which are pledged for the re-payment of a loan of two hundred thousand dollars, made by the State of Maryland, in the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, to the Commissioners of the said city, ought to be annually sold, as may be sufficient to pay the interest and instalments of the said loan as they may respectively become due: *Provided*, That if, in the opinion of the President of the United States, the sale of a sufficient number of the said lots, to meet the objects aforesaid, cannot be made without an unwarrantable sacrifice of the property, then so much money as may be necessary to provide for the deficiency ought to be advanced from the Treasury of the United States.

4. *Resolved*, That all the lots in the said city, which were sold prior to the sixth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and have since reverted to the Commissioners, in consequence of a failure on the part of the purchasers to comply with their contracts, ought to be sold for the purpose of paying to the State of Maryland the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with the interest thereon, on or before the first day of November next; which said sum was loaned by the said State, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, to the Commissioners, for the use of the City of Washington: *Provided*, That, if a sufficient sum to meet the objects aforesaid cannot be raised by the sale of the whole of the lots, then so much money as will be sufficient to make up the deficiency ought to be advanced from the Treasury of the United States.

5. *Resolved*, That all moneys advanced out of the Treasury of the United States, in pursuance of these resolutions, ought to be reimbursed as soon as possible, after the debts already contracted by the Commissioners have been discharged, by applying towards the reimbursement every sum of money which may be afterwards raised out of the city funds, until the whole of the money advanced shall be repaid.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions, and that Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Bayard, Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, Mr. Hastings, and Mr. Alston, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were yesterday referred the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to repeal the internal taxes," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the time therein mentioned,'" and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching, historical and other prints;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to repeal the internal taxes;" to which the Committee of Ways and Means this day reported their agreement: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the committee in their agreement to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the twenty-sixth ultimo, on the petition of Richard Soderstrom, attorney in fact for Paolo Paoly, a subject of the King of Denmark, referred the twenty-second of the same month; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, to refund and pay to the petitioner, Paolo Paoly, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seven thousand and forty dollars and fifty-five cents, it being the amount of damages and costs of suit awarded by the Circuit Court of Pennsylvania, in its judgment.

of restitution, on behalf of the petitioner, against Captain William Maley, commander of the public armed vessel the *Experiment*, belonging to the United States.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution, and that Mr. Eustis, Mr. Gregg, and Mr. John Cotton Smith, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Williams be added to the committee appointed on the fourteenth of December last, "to inquire and report whether moneys drawn from the Treasury, have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for; and to report, likewise, whether any further arrangements are necessary to promote economy, enforce adherence to legislative restrictions, and secure the accountability of persons entrusted with the public money," in the room of Mr. Jones, who has obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session; and that the said committee have leave to sit to-morrow, during the sitting of the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1802.

An engrossed bill declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of James Johnson and others, Justices of the Court of Common Pleas, of the county of Knox, in the Indiana Territory of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that the ordinance of Congress under the former Government, of the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, may be so far revised and amended by law, as to give chancery powers to the Judges of the said Territory.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the fourth of January last, "to inquire whether any, and what, alteration should be made in the judicial establishment of the United States; and to report a provision for securing the impartial selection of juries in the Courts of the United States."

A memorial of sundry persons, acting as constables in the city and county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allowed them by law for the services of the memorialists, in the execution of judicial process, within the said city and county, in certain cases, and praying that the same may be augmented, for the reasons therein specified.

Also, a memorial of the Mayor and Commonalty of the town of Alexandria, in the said District of Columbia, stating the inconveniences and injury sustained by the poorer classes of citizens in the town and county of Alexandria, by the operation of the existing laws for the government of the said District, in the case of fees allowed to be taxed upon suitors, to the lawyers, marshal, attorney for the District, and for the attendance of witnesses, in the Circuit Court of the United States held in and for the said city and county; and praying relief in the premises.

Also, a petition of John Mitchell, Elisha O. Williams, George B. Magruder, and Leonard Mackall, tobacco inspectors, of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, aforesaid, praying that such compensation may be granted by law, in addition to the allowance already made to them, as may be commensurate, in some degree, with the actual labor and responsibility of the petitioners in discharge of the trust committed to them.

Ordered, That the said memorials and petition be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia."

A petition of Joseph Saunders, of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, was presented to the House and read, praying that a special act of insolvency may be passed in his favor, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee to whom were referred, on the 22d ultimo, the petitions of John Travers and Charles A. Beatty, to the same effect.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the several memorials and petitions of Edward Barns, James

Bell, Lawrence Brooke, James Denniston, Robert Gilmer, and Charles W. Hare, John Hall, Mary Hay, Charles Hyde, George Mason, William Meetkerke, William Milton and others, Oliver Pollock, William Ray and John Follawell, Miles Riley and others, Frances Sheftall, widow of Mordecai Sheftall, deceased, Matthias Shroyer, and Isidore Stouf, made a report thereon ; which was read, and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the said memorials and petitions be postponed until the fourth Monday of November next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

“An act making a partial appropriation for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and two ;”

“An act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the Convention made between the United States and the French Republic ;”

“An act for the relief of Isaac Zane ;” and

“An act making appropriation for defraying the expense of a negotiation with the British Government to ascertain the boundary line between the United States and Upper Canada.”

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to cause such documents as may remain in the War Office, or such as he may be able to procure from the files of the Executive of Georgia, for the years one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, and one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five ; also, from the Agent of the War Department, for the Southern District, for those years ; with every other statement and paper he may become possessed of, respecting the Militia claims of that State against the United States, together with his opinion of the propriety and justice of allowing the same ; and that he report such opinion and documents appertaining thereto, on the first day of the next session of Congress.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Paolo Paoly ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendatory bill further to alter and establish certain post roads ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Milledge reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until Monday next.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

“An act making a partial appropriation for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and two ;”

“An act making an appropriation for defraying the expenses which may arise from carrying into effect the convention made between the United States and the French Republic ;” and

“An act for the relief of Isaac Zane.”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate recede from so much of their second and fourth amendments to the bill, entitled “An act for the rebuilding the light-house on Gurnet Point, at the entrance of Plymouth harbor ; for rebuilding the light-house at the Eastern end of New Castle island ; for erecting a light-house on Lyndes' Point, and for other purposes ;” as was disagreed to by this House, and do agree to the amendment and modification of this House to the second parts of the said second and fourth amendments, respectively. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled “An act for the relief of the Marshals of certain Districts therein mentioned ;” also, the bill, entitled “An act for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization,” with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House

that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act making appropriation for defraying the expense of a negotiation with the British Government to ascertain the boundary line between the United States and Upper Canada." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee, of the twenty-fifth ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of Theodosius Fowler, presented the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and one; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, amended, and agreed to by the House, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That the claim of the United States against Theodosius Fowler, for moneys advanced or paid on account of his contract with the Secretary of the Treasury, dated the twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, ought to be extinguished.

2. *Resolved*, That the suit commenced by the United States against the said Theodosius Fowler, in the Circuit Court of the District of New York, for a claim on account of the said contract, ought to be no further prosecuted; and that the Comptroller of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and required to cause the same to be withdrawn.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Elmendorf, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, and Mr. Holmes, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 5, 1802.

A petition of Lewis Tousard, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, and Inspector of Artillery, in the Army of the United States, was presented to the House and read, praying that his claim for travelling expenses incurred by authority of the late Secretary of War, in his capacity of Engineer and Inspector of Artillery, and for the grant to discharged officers made by a late law, as liquidated on the principles established by the Accounting Officers of the Treasury, may be resettled, and a farther allowance made to him thereupon.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Clay, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Stanford; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A petition of sundry citizens of Georgetown, and its vicinity, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that the present Directors of "The Columbian Library Company," therein named, and their legal successors, may, by law, be incorporated, and constituted a body politic, with such privileges and immunities as are usual in such cases.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia; and that the committee be authorized to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of goods, wares, and merchandises, exported from the Mississippi district during the year 1801, in addition to the general statement of exports received by the House on the eleventh of February last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," and for other purposes; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to repeal the internal taxes;"

"An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes;" and

"An act for the relief of the Marshals of certain districts therein mentioned;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eleventh ultimo, on the petition of Robert Lewright, referred on the eighth of the same month: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Robert Lewright ought not to be granted.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims on the memorial of Philip Lightfoot, referred on the fourteenth of December last: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the memorialist have leave to withdraw his said memorial.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims of the fifth ultimo, on the petition of John Bouslog, referred on the ninth of February last, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said John Bouslog ought not to be granted.

The House proceeded, at the Clerk's table, to the farther consideration of the amendatory bill further to alter and establish certain post roads; and, the same being further amended, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization;" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lewis R. Morris, Mr. Wadsworth, and Mr. Stanford.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the settlement of the account of Samuel Dexter, for his expense in defending against the suit of Joseph Hodgson;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John C. Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The question being taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That any ship or vessel, two-thirds of which shall have been, or may be, rebuilt within the United States, of American materials, and belonging wholly to a citizen or citizens of the United States, may be registered, and considered as an American ship or vessel: and that it shall be the duty of the collector of the district within which such ship or vessel is or may be owned, upon satisfactory evidence of the above facts, to grant such register, according to the rules by law established in other cases:

Ordered, That the said motion be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the better security of public money and property in the hands of public officers and agents;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hanna reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Bayard, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Giles.

Mr. Elmendorf, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Theodosius Fowler; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Paolo Paoly ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to report to this House whether the sum of thirty-two thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty-four cents, expended in "the repairs put upon the corvette Berceau, before her delivery to the French Republic," was expended to equip the Berceau for the service of the United States, or for the purpose of delivering the Berceau in good condition to the French Republic, in conformity to the stipulations of the Convention between the United States and France.

The said motion being read, various propositions of amendment thereto were offered to the House,

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 1802.

An engrossed bill further to alter and establish certain post roads was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Paolo Paoly was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Paolo Paoly."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Arthur Morrison, referred to him by order of the House, on the fourth ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen," and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to repeal the internal taxes ;"

"An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes ;" and

"An act for the relief of the marshals of certain districts therein mentioned." Also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize an advance of money to Samuel Dexter," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act to repeal the internal taxes ;"

"An act for the relief of the marshals of certain districts therein mentioned ;" and

"An act authorizing the erection of certain light-houses, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion, made yesterday, "respecting the French corvette *Berceau*;" and the said motion being amended, to read as followeth:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to direct the proper officer to report to this House whether the sum of thirty-two thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine dollars and fifty-four cents was expended for repairing the corvette *Berceau*, after it was determined to deliver up the same to the French Government, agreeably to the stipulations of the convention between the United States and France; and to lay before this House copies of all papers and documents which relate to the sale, purchase, and repairs, of that vessel."

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration of the said motion be postponed until the third Monday of November next;

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 4,
Nays 75.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Thomas T. Davis,
Daniel Heister,

William Hoge, and
Josiah Smith.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
William Helms,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jr.
Nathan Read,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John C. Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Stratton,
John Taliaferro, jr.
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
George B. Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Lemuel Williams,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the said motion, as originally proposed, by striking out from the same, as amended, the following words: "to report to this House whether the sum of thirty-two thousand eight

hundred thirty-nine dollars and fifty-four cents was expended for repairing the corvette Berceau, after it was determined to deliver up the same to the French Government agreeably to the stipulations of the Convention between the United States and France and:"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 49,
Nays 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jr.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jr.
John Taliaferro, jr.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,

Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John C. Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer, and
Lemuel Williams.

And then the said motion being farther amended, to read as followeth :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to direct the proper officer to lay before this House copies of all papers and documents which relate to the sale, purchase, and repairs, of the corvette Berceau ; and, also, a statement of the sums paid to the respective officers and men of that vessel, specifying the period for which the payments were made ; together with copies of all communications between the Government of the United States and any authorized agents of the French nation relative thereto :

The main question was taken that the House do agree to the same as so amended,

And unanimously resolved in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, every member present voting in the affirmative, to wit :

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,

Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,

Thomas Boude,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 John Campbell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 John Dawson,
 John Dennis,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 Abiel Foster,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Edwin Gray,
 Roger Griswold,
 William Barry Grove,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Helms,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 William H. Hill,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Huger,
 George Jackson,

Thomas Lowndes,
 John Milledge,
 Thomas Moore,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,
 Anthony New,
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 Thomas Plater,
 John Randolph, jun.
 Nathan Read,
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Smith, of *New York*,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Josiah Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Stanley,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 John Stratton,
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 Samuel Tenney,
 David Thomas,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 George B. Upham,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Robert Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Ordered, That Mr. Griswold and Mr. Giles be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Thomas K. Jones; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the thirty-first ultimo, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying sundry documents relating to the claim of Comfort Sands, and others, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said letter and documents be referred to Mr. Bacon, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Hanna, and Mr. Clay.

Ordered, That the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned during the remainder of the session, be ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Cabell have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Saturday next, for the remainder of the session, and Mr. Hemphill, after Monday se'nnight.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Thomas K. Jones, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Thomas K. Jones."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanying his report on the memorial of Fulwar Skipwith, referred to him by order of the House on the nineteenth of January last ; which were read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was re-committed on the fifteenth ultimo, their report on the memorial of Paul Coulon, a French citizen, made a supplementary report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to day.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine and report the state of the office of the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Clay, Mr. Huger, and Mr. Southard, be appointed a committee pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Mitchill, from the committee to whom were referred, on the fifth instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to enable the People of the Eastern division of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 1802.

A petition of Alexander Fowler was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will reconsider his petition, presented on the twenty-ninth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and ultimately decide thereon, in such manner as to afford relief to the petitioner in the premises, to which he conceives himself justly entitled by resolutions of Congress under the former Government of the United States.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed, on the sixth instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of the House "respecting the French corvette Berceau," reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them that he would attend to the subject contained in the resolution of the House.

Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of sundry citizens of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, with instruction to report thereon by bill or otherwise, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the Directors of the Columbian Library Company ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fifth of February last, a motion, in the form of two resolutions of the House, "respecting the adjustment of the existing disputes between the Commissioners of the City of Washington, and other persons who may conceive themselves injured by the several alterations made in the plan of the said city ; also, relative to a plan of the said city of Washington, conformably, as nearly as may be, to the original design thereof, with certain exceptions," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, from the committee appointed, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a statement prepared by the Register, of the application of the appropriations made by Congress for Clerk-hire, in the several offices of the Treasury Department, specifying the names of the persons, and the salaries allowed to each, for the three last years, in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twenty-fifth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying two statements, marked A and B, relative to expenses incurred by the United States in the exercise of jurisdiction over the territory of Columbia, since the assumption of jurisdiction by Congress, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the first instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations or amendments may be necessary in the existing government and laws of the District of Columbia.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to enable the People of the Eastern division of the Territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes, which lay on the table; and the same being severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, further to amend the said bill, at the Clerk's table, by striking out, in the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth lines of the second section thereof, the following words: "and on the North, by an East and West line drawn through the Southerly extreme of Lake Michigan, running East after intersecting the due North line aforesaid, from the mouth of the Great Miami, until it shall intersect Lake Erie or"—and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "to,"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 27,
 { Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William H. Hill,

Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,

John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Charles Johnson,
Samuel L. Mitchell,

Thomas Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Samuel Smith,

Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by striking out the third section thereof, in the words following, to wit :

"And be it further enacted, That all male citizens of the United States, who shall have arrived at full age, and resided within the said Territory at least one year previous to the day of election, and shall have paid a territorial or county tax, and all persons having, in other respects, the legal qualifications to vote for Representatives in the General Assembly of the Territory, be, and they are hereby, authorized to choose Representatives to form a Convention, who shall be apportioned amongst the several counties within the Eastern division aforesaid, in a ratio of one Representative to every — inhabitants of each county, according to the enumeration taken under the authority of the United States, as near as may be, that is to say : from the county of Trumbull, — Representatives; from the county of Jefferson — Representatives, — of the — to be elected within what is now known by the county of Belmont, taken from Jefferson and Washington counties ; from the county of Washington — Representatives ; from the county of Ross — Representatives, — of the — to be elected in what is now known by Fairfield county, taken from Ross and Washington counties ; from the county of Adams — Representatives ; from the county of Hamilton — Representatives ; — of the — to be elected in what is now known by Clermont county, taken entirely from Hamilton county; and the elections for the Representatives aforesaid, shall take place on the second Tuesday of October next, the time fixed by a law of the Territory, entitled "An act to ascertain the number of free male inhabitants of the age of twenty-one, in the Territory of the United States Northwest of the river Ohio, and to regulate the elections of Representatives for the same," for electing Representatives to the General Assembly, and shall be held and conducted in the same manner as is provided by the aforesaid act, except that the qualifications of electors shall be as herein specified :"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 26,
 { Nays 48.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Thomas Boude,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 Joseph Hemphill,
 Archibald Henderson,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Thomas Morris,

Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 William Shepard,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Stratton,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Peleg Wadsworth,
 Lemuel Williams, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Phaniel Bishop,
 Richard Brent,
 William Butler,
 Samuel J. Cabell,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 John Clopton,
 John Condict,
 Thomas T. Davis,

John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion.

On motion.

On motion,

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Samuel J. Cabell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

George Jackson,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, junr.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, junr.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
John P. Van Ness,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
William Barry Grove,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to enable the People of the Eastern division of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of William Slye, of Jefferson county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in consideration of military services rendered, and a wound received, whilst a soldier in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Another memorial of Francis Cazeau, a French citizen, late merchant at Montreal, in Canada, was presented to the House and read, stating various services performed, and losses and injuries sustained, by the memorialist, in his person and property, in consequence of his attachment to the American cause, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; and praying such compensation may be granted for the same, as in the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the consideration of the said memorial be postponed until the third Monday in November next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A petition of Edward Butler, of the State of Tennessee, was presented to the House and read, praying compensation for his service as a special messenger, appointed by the Commissioners of the United States for holding a treaty with the Cherokee Indians, to carry the treaty aforesaid to the city of Philadelphia; in which service the petitioner was employed from the sixteenth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, until the twentieth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Ordered, That Kenneth Matheson and John Tucker, who, respectively, presented a petition to this House on the fourteenth of January last, have leave to withdraw the said petitions, together with the documents accompanying the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to augment the salaries of the officers therein mentioned, passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ;' also, the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures ;' and, also, the bill, entitled "An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned." And then he withdrew.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Paul Coulon ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee appointed, on the fourth of January last, "to inquire whether any, and what, alteration should be made in the Judicial Establishment of the United States, and to report a provision for securing the impartial selection of juries in the Courts of the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Theodosius Fowler ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill, at the Clerk's table : Whereupon, A motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until the third Monday in November next,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for revising and amending the acts concerning naturalization." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas K. Jones." The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress, in their present Session, and when it may be expedient to close the same. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the last part of the said message : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same ; and that Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Bayard, Mr. John Smith, (of New York,) Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Giles, be appointed a committee on the part of this House for the purpose expressed in the message from the Senate.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom it was referred to take into their consideration the subject of the public debt, and the provisions requisite for effecting its ultimate redemption, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Randolph, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill ma-

king provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Hoge have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Monday next, for the remainder of the Session.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Theodosius Fowler was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Theodosius Fowler."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Leib, from the committee to whom was referred, on the ninth of December last, the petition of Henry Mumbower and others, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of the said Henry Mumbower and others, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committees had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act to augment the salaries of the officers therein mentioned,' passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine ;"

"An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned ;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures ;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas K. Jones ;" and

"An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Paul Coulon ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to day.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Lewis Tousard, be authorized to report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee last mentioned, made a report on the said petition ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Lewis Tousard ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Clay, from the committee appointed on the seventh instant, to examine and report on the state of the office of the Clerk of this House, made a report ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments there-

to ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Secretary of State, of the seventh instant, to whom was referred, on the nineteenth of January last, the memorial of Fulwar Skipwith ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to two resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow :

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law, for the payment of four thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, unto Fulwar Skipwith, (which sum was advanced by him, to the United States,) with an interest of ——— per centum, from the first of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five.

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for compensating the said Fulwar Skipwith, for his services from the first of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, to the first of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, at the rate of ——— dollars, per annum.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in pursuant to the said resolutions ; and that Mr. Dawson, Mr. Van Cortlandt, and Mr. Stanton, do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act for the relief of Paolo Paoly." The Senate disagree to the resolution of this House, of the twenty-fourth ultimo, authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to close the present Session, by adjourning their respective Houses on this day. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the twenty-second of January, on the petition of Sarah Fletcher and Jane Ingraham, referred to them on the tenth of December last, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House, as follow :

Resolved, That it is expedient to grant to the widows and children, as the case may be, of the officers, seamen, and marines, who were lost at sea, on board the ship *Insurgent* and brigantine *Pickering*, lately in the service of the United States, four month's pay of their respective husbands or fathers.

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide by law, for the payment of five years' half pay to the widows and children, as the case may be, of such officers in the Naval service of the United States as shall be slain in battle, or die, when in the actual line of their duty.

Resolved, That the widows and children of those officers who were lost at sea in the ship *Insurgent* and brigantine *Pickering*, shall be entitled to this provision.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions ; and that Mr. Eustis, Mr. Goddard, and Mr. Stanton, do prepare and bring in the same.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Paul Coulon was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act for the relief of Paul Coulon."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend an act, entitled " An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen," and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed the ninth instant, on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, " to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in their present Session, and when it may be expedient to close the same," made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1802.

An engrossed bill to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," and for other purposes, was read the third time, and, on a motion made and seconded, ordered to be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, a memorial of the Illinois and Ouabache land Companies, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was committed, on the ninth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States," made a report thereon; which was read, and, together with the bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Paolo Paoly;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and two; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the fifth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the better security of public money and property in the hands of public officers and agents," reported several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed yesterday, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and for other purposes," which lay on the table; and the said amendments being severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to authorize an advance of money to Samuel Dexter;"

"An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act to augment the salaries of the officers therein mentioned,' passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures;"

"An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned;"

"An act for the relief of Thomas K. Jones;"

William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 John A. Hanna,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Michael Leib,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.

Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 Israel Smith,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Stewart,
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Isaac Van Horne, and
 Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill by adding to the end of the fourth section the following additional proviso, to wit: "And provided further, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to revive any act, or part of an act, authorizing the loan of money, and heretofore expired."

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the fifth section, the following words: "to contract either with the Bank of the United States, or with any other public institution, or with individuals, for the payment, in Holland, of the whole, or any part of the principal, of the said Dutch debt, and of the interests and charges accruing on the same, as the said demands become due, on such terms as the said commissioners shall think most advantageous to the United States; or."

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 26,
 { Nays 48.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Bacon,
 James A. Bayard,
 Thomas Boude,
 John Campbell,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Ebenezer Elmer,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Edwin Gray,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,

Archibald Henderson,
 Benjamin Huger,
 Thomas Lowndes,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Morris,
 James Mott,
 Nathan Read,
 John Cotton Smith,
 John Stanley,
 John Stratton,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer, and
 Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 John A. Hanna,

Daniel Heister,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Michael Leib,
 John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 Anthony New,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, jun.

John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Another motion was then made and seconded farther to amend the said amendment, as now amended, by striking out therefrom the words "difficulty shall occur in making remittances," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "such difficulties shall occur in

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 18,
 { Nays 43.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Archibald Henderson,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Huger,
Lewis R. Morris,
James Mott,
Nathan Read,
John Stanley,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer, and
Robert Williams.

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Condit,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 John A. Hanna,
 Joseph Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 George Jackson,
 Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Isaac Van Horne.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the sixteenth line of the fifth section, the word "*fourth*," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "*eighth*,"

It passed in the negative.

No farther amendment being offered to the said bill, it was

Ordered, That the same, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Van Rensselaer have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States, was read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	55,
{ Nays	19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Condict,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
Archibald Henderson,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,

Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,

Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stratton,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, that the title of the said bill be, "An act making certain provisions in relation to the public debt, and authorizing a re-loan of a part thereof,"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas, 26,
Nays, 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
John Cotton Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

On the question, that the title be, "An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States,"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of sundry citizens of Liberty county, in the State of Georgia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the services of Captain Joseph Way, of the said county, and of a troop of militia cavalry under his command, and for incidental expenses incurred by the said troop, in defence of the petitioners, and other citizens of the State of Georgia, against the hostile incursions of the Indians.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A petition of sundry cordwainers of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House and read, praying that such further and additional duties may be imposed by law on the importation of boots and shoes from foreign countries, as shall tend to encourage and protect the manufacture of those articles within the United States.

Also, a petition of Rush Hudson, praying that he may be allowed the arrearages of pay and other emoluments due for his services as a Corporal in Colonel George Baylor's Regiment of Cavalry, in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions do lie on the table.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the petition of Henry Rutgers, Alexander Robinson, and Marinus Willett, for themselves, and Melaneton Smith, deceased, made a report thereon; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fourteenth instant, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act for the relief of Thomas K. Jones;"

"An act for the relief of Paolo Paoly;"

"An act to authorize an advance of money to Samuel Dexter;"

"An act declaring the assent of Congress to an act of the General Assembly of Virginia therein mentioned;"

"An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act to augment the

salaries of the officers therein mentioned,' passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine ;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act to retain a further sum on drawbacks, for the expenses incident to the allowance and payment thereof, and in lieu of stamp duties on debentures ;' and

"An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Eustis, from the committee appointed on the twelfth instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who have died, or may hereafter die, in the naval service of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Bacon, from the committee to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a communication from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and sundry documents relating to the claim of Comfort Sands and others, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth day of December last, the petition of Peter Charles L'Enfant, made a report thereon ; which was read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said report be postponed until the fourth Monday in November next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill to provide for the establishment of certain districts ; and therein to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment to the sixth section thereof ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be presently engrossed, and, together with the bill, read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments : Whereupon,

The first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to fill up the blank in the first section of the bill with the word "six," was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The other amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to strike out the second section of the bill, in the words following, to wit :

"And be it further enacted, That there be paid unto Fulwar Skipwith, in manner aforesaid, at the rate of ——— dollars per annum, from the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, to the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, in full compensation for services rendered to the United States, and for expenses incurred during that period," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, yeas 43, nays 26,

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Thomas Boude,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
William Helms,
Archibald Henderson,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Huger,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,

Samuel L. Mitchill,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Plater,
William Shepard,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
John Stewart,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
John Trigg,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,

John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg, and
Isaac Van Horne,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,' " with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the last mentioned bill : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said amendments, together with the bill, be committed to Mr. Davis, Mr. Dennis, and Mr. Alston.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and to make provision for the re-payment of loans made by the State of Maryland, for the use of the city ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Lewis Tousard ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. John Cotton Smith, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the thirty-first of December, and fifth of March last, the petitions of John M'Intire, and of John Syme, made a report thereon; which was read : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged therefrom, and that the farther consideration of the said petitions be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. John Cotton Smith have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and to make provision for the re-payment of loans made by the State of Maryland for the use of the city, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and to make provision for the re-payment of loans made by the State of Maryland for the use of the city."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Lewis Tousard was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made and seconded to amend the bill at the Clerk's table, by adding to the end thereof, the following proviso, to wit : "Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to sanction the conduct of any person who has made advances of money not authorized by law :"

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said amendment be presently engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time.

The said amendment being brought in engrossed, the bill, as amended, was read the third time,

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 63,
 { Nays..... 12.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,

James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Thomas Boude,

Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,

Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
John Cotton Smith,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stratton,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Samuel Tenney,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
George B. Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Isaac Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams,
Robert Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
William Butler,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
George Jackson,
James Mott,

Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Josiah Smith,
John Stewart,
Abram Trigg, and
John Trigg,

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Lewis Tousard."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, during the present session, the memorials and petitions of sundry calico printers in the city of Philadelphia and elsewhere, in the State of Pennsylvania; of sundry citizens of the States of New Jersey, and Delaware; of sundry cordwainers of the States of Massachusetts and Delaware; of Samuel Corp; of sundry merchants of Richmond and Manchester, in Virginia; of sundry shoemakers of the town of Lynn, in Massachusetts, and of Thomas Stagg, jr., and Thomas Snell; and to whom it was referred, by a resolution of the House, on the eighteenth of February last, "to inquire and report on the expediency of erecting a port of entry at the town of Beaufort, at present within the district of Newbern, in the State of North Carolina," made a report thereon; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said memorials and petitions, and resolution of the House, be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I now transmit the papers desired in your resolution of the sixth instant. Those respecting the *Berceau* will sufficiently explain themselves. The officer charged with her repairs states, in his letter, received August 27, 1801, that he had been led by circumstances, which he explains, to go considerably beyond his orders. In questions between nations who have no common umpire but reason, something must often be yielded of mutual opinion to enable them to meet in a common point.

The allowance which had been proposed to the officers of that vessel being represent-

ed as too small for their daily necessities, and still more so as the means of paying, before their departure, debts contracted with our citizens for subsistence, it was requested on their behalf that the daily pay of each might be the measure of their allowance.

This being solicited, and reimbursement assumed by the agent of their nation, I deemed that the indulgence would have a propitious effect in the moment of returning friendship. The sum of eight hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-three cents was accordingly furnished them for the five months of past captivity, and a proportional allowance authorized until their embarkation.

TH. JEFFERSON.

April 15th, 1802.

The said message was read, and, together with the documents transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to Mr. Eustis, Mr. Tallmage, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Hanna; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom were referred a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, and sundry documents relative to the claim of Comfort Sands and others; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. John Cotton Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the first and second resolutions, and their disagreement to the third and fourth resolutions contained in the report of the select committee; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, as follow:

1st. "*Resolved*, That provision ought to be made by law to authorize the Attorney General of the United States to agree with such person or persons, or with the legal representative or representatives of such person or persons, as are interested in an award or report of Isaac Roosevelt and others, referees between the United States and Comfort Sands and others, on the twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, on a statement of a case which shall try and determine the validity of said award or report, before the circuit court of the United States, for such circuit as the Attorney General, and the persons interested as aforesaid, may agree to."

2d. "*Resolved*, That provision ought to be made by law to authorize the Attorney General of the United States, in case said award or report shall be adjudged to be binding on the United States, to agree on an issue or issues, either in law or in fact, which shall try the question whether William Duer and Daniel Parker, or either of them, were co-partners with the said Comfort Sands and others, in the contracts on which the said award or report was made; and, if so, whether all, or what part of the sums which are due from them, or either of them, to the United States, ought to be deducted from the sum awarded or reported, as aforesaid, under the proviso in the act of Congress passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, entitled "An act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others."

3d. "*Resolved*, That provision ought to be made, by law, to authorize the Attorney General of the United States, in case a decision shall be made against the validity of said award or report, to agree on the appointment, by the said court, of referees to decide conclusively (subject only to legal exceptions to be made before said court) on the merits of the original claim of said Comfort Sands and others, on which said award or report was founded."

4th. "*Resolved*, That provision ought to be made by law for the payment of any sum or sums which may be found due from the United States pursuant to these resolutions, and such proceedings as may hereafter be had conformably thereto."

The House then proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The first resolution contained in the report of the select committee, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their agreement, being again read, was on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, Yeas 43, Nays 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,

Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Ebenezer Elmer,

William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Hemphill,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,

Israel Smith,
John Cotton Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
Phanuel Bishop,
Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Edwin Gray,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

The second resolution contained in the report of the select committee, to which the Committee of the Whole House also reported their agreement, being again read, was amended at the Clerk's table, and, on the question put thereupon, as amended, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law to authorize the Attorney General of the United States, in case said award or report shall be judged to be binding on the United States, to agree on an issue or issues, either in law, or in fact, which shall try the question whether William Duer or Daniel Parker, or either of them, were co-partners with the said Comfort Sands, and others, in the contracts on which the said award or report was made.

The third and fourth resolutions contained in the report of the select committee, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement, being again read,

The question was severally taken thereupon, that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the first and second resolutions ; and that Mr. Bacon, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Goddard, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1802.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who may have died, or may hereafter die, in the Naval service of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Hanna reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several

amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made, and the question being put, to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table, by striking out the words, "seamen and marines," in the fifth line of the first section thereof,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 21,
 { Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
Theodorus Bailey,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
William Helms,
George Jackson,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Morris,

Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Samuel Smith,
David Thomas,
Thomas Tillinghast,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Peleg Wadsworth,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Phanuel Bishop,
Walter Bowie,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Condit,
John Dawson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Calvin Goddard,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
Archibald Henderson,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
Samuel L. Mitchill,

James Mott,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Thomas Plater,
John Randolph, jun.
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
John Cotton Smith,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Stratton,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
John P. Van Ness,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to day.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to amend "An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage," and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President of the United States having obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and the Honorable Abraham Baldwin has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 34,
Nays 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
Walter Bowie,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Archibald Henderson,

Benjamin Huger,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are;

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,

James Mott,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
John P. Van Ness, and
Robert Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who have died, or may hereafter die, in the Naval service of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend "An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Nicholson reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill, at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to amend the bill, by striking out, in the fourth line of the third section, the word "*five*," next before the words "thousand dollars," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "*four*:"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Bacon,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
George Jackson,
Michael Leib,

Thomas Moore,
Anthony New,
John Smilie,
John Smith, *of Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
Benjamin Tallmage,
David Thomas,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
Daniel Heister,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Samuel L. Mitchill,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, *of New York*,
Samuel Smith,
John Stratton,
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
George B. Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis Tousard." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the judicial system of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Samuel Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Butler and Mr. Josiah Smith have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill to amend "An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to amend 'An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Bacon, from the committee appointed, on the sixteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill relating to the claim of Comfort Sands and others; which was received, and read the first time : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, that all farther proceeding in the said bill be postponed until the third Monday in November next,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives :

The object of the enclosed letter, from the Director of the Mint, at Philadelphia, being within legislative competence only, I transmit it to both Houses of Congress.

TH. JEFFERSON.

April 20, 1802.

The said message, and letter therewith transmitted, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second instant, the bill to repeal so much of the acts, the one entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States ;" the other an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," as relate to the establishment of the Mint.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

I transmit you a report from the Secretary of State, with the information desired by the House of Representatives, of the eighth of January, relative to certain spoliations, and other proceedings therein referred to.

TH. JEFFERSON.

April 20, 1802.

The said message was read, and, together with the papers referred to therein, ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Paul Coulon." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the judicial system of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Samuel Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

Mr. Nicholson, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Davis, from the committee to whom was committed, on the fifteenth instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,'" reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1802.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,'" to which the select committee, to whom they were referred, reported their agreement on the 20th instant: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the committee in their agreement to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, a motion, in the form of a resolution of the House, "respecting the registry of ships or vessels, two-thirds of which shall have been, or may be rebuilt within the United States, of American materials, and belonging wholly to a citizen or citizens of the United States," be discharged therefrom; and that the farther consideration of the said motion be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis Tousard," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported, yesterday, from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States:" Whereupon,

The first amendment, to add to the end of the first section the words following, to wit: "And so much of the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Judicial Courts of the United States,' passed the twenty-fourth of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, as provides for the holding a session of the Supreme Court of the United States on the first Monday of August, annually, is hereby repealed," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House—Yeas 44, Nays 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,

George Jackson,
Michael Leib,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junr.,
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, junr.,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
John Campbell,
Manassch Cutler,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,

John Dennis,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,

Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
Josiah Smith,

John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to.

On a motion made and seconded,

Ordered, That the sixth section of the said bill, as amended, be recommitted to Mr. Bayard, Mr. Nicholson, and Mr. Robert Williams, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Ordered, That the residue of the bill, as amended by the House, do lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendments of the Senate to the first and second sections.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the four new sections proposed to be inserted after the second section of the original bill.

Resolved, That this House doth, also, disagree to the amendment of the Senate to the third section, and to their amendment to the title of the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bayard, from the committee to whom was, this day, recommitted the sixth section of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1802.

A petition of Bartholomew Von Heer was presented to the House and read, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds and other injuries sustained whilst in actual service as an officer in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining his livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

On motion,

Ordered, That Paul Coulon, who presented a memorial to this House on the thirty-first of December last, have leave to withdraw the said memorial, together with the documents which accompanied the same.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis Tousard;" also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-first instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Lewis Tousard."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee to whom was, yesterday, recommitted the sixth section of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States;" and the said report being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table by adding a new section to the end thereof.

A motion was also made, and the question being put, farther to amend the same by striking out the fifteenth section therefrom, in the words following, to wit :

"And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, from time to time, as many General Commissioners of Bankruptcy in each District of the United States as he may deem necessary ; and upon petition to the Judge of a District Court for a commission of bankruptcy, he shall proceed as is provided in and by an act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States," and appoint not exceeding three of the said General Commissioners as Commissioners of the particular bankrupt petitioned against ; and the said Commissioners, together with the Clerk, shall each be allowed, as a full compensation for their services, when sitting and acting under their commissions, at the rate of six dollars per day for every day which they may be employed in the same business, to be apportioned among the several causes on which they may act on the same day, and to be paid out of the respective bankrupts' estates : Provided, That the Commissioners who may have been, or may be, appointed in any District, before notice shall be given of the appointment of Commissioners for such District by the President, in pursuance of this act, and who shall not then have completed their business, shall be authorized to proceed and finish the same upon the terms of their original appointment."

It passed in the negative, { Yeas35,
 { Nays36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
James A. Bayard,
Walter Bowie,
John Campbell,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,

Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Smilie,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,

William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Anthony New,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg, and
Isaac Van Horne.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill by inserting, after the words "June session," in the eleventh line of the third section, the following words: "and which, at the end of the said session, shall remain undetermined:"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 32,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
James A. Bayard,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
William Dickson,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,

Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Walter Bowie,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
John Dawson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Josiah Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thomson,
Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Isaac Van Horne.

Another motion was then made, and the question being put, farther to amend the bill, by adding a new section to the end thereof, as now amended, in the words following, to wit:

"And be it further enacted, That this act shall not go into operation, or take effect, till the first day of July ensuing:"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 27,
 { Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
James A. Bayard,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,

Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,

James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
Josiah Smith,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Walter Bowie,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,

Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt, and
Isaac Van Horne.

No farther amendment being offered to the said bill, it was

Ordered, That the same, together with the amendments agreed to, be read the third time to-morrow.

A motion was made and seconded that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present session of Congress by adjourning their respective Houses on Monday, the twenty-sixth instant : Whereupon,

The question was stated, that the House do now proceed to consider the said motion :

When an adjournment was called for,

And the question being taken, that the House do now adjourn,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 29.
 { Nays 41.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Walter Bowie,
Richard Brent,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,

William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
Philip R. Thompson, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
James A. Bayard,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
John Dennis,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
John Fowler,
William B. Giles,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,

Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Thomas Lowndes,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Stanley,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Benjamin Tallmage,
David Thomas,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
George B. Upham,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Lemuel Williams,

The House then proceeded to consider the said motion for authorizing an adjournment of the two Houses on the twenty-sixth instant,

And, on the question that the House do agree to the same, as originally proposed,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 53,
Nays 13.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
James A. Bayard,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Thomas Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Manasseh Cutler,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dennis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
Ebenezer Elmer,
William Eustis,
Abiel Foster,
William B. Giles,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
Daniel Heister,

William Helms,
Archibald Henderson,
James Holland,
Benjamin Huger,
Michael Leib,
Thomas Lowndes,
John Milledge,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Stanley,
Joseph Stanton, junr.
John Stewart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
John Trigg,
George B. Upham,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Archer,
Walter Bowie,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,

William Dickson,
John Fowler,
David Holmes,
Israel Smith,

**Abram Trigg, and
Philip Van Cortlandt.**

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Giles, from the committee appointed on the fifth of February last, to whom were referred the memorials and petitions of sundry citizens of the United States, and resident merchants therein, praying relief in the case of depredations committed on their vessels and cargoes, while in pursuit of lawful commerce, by the cruisers of the French Republic, during the late European war, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow. And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 1802.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the fifteenth section of the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Samuel Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the fifteenth section of the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the said section, and their agreement to strike out the same from the bill.

The House then proceeded to re-consider the said fifteenth section at the Clerk's table.

And, on the question that the House do agree to the report of the Committee of the Whole House thereon.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The main question being then put, that the said bill, with the amendments, do pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are:

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phaniel Bishop,
 Walter Bowie,
 Richard Brent,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Thomas Claiborne,
 Matthew Cláy,
 John Clopton,
 John Condit,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 John Fowler,
 William B. Giles,
 Edwin Gray,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Hiester,
 William Helms.

James Holland,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Anthony New,
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Smilie,
Israel Smith,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.,
John Stewart,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Isaac Van Horne, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,

**John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler.**

Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dennis,
Ebenezer Elmer,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,

James Mott,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Stanley,
John Stratton,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

A memorial of Robert Beverly, of Essex county, in the State of Virginia, was presented to the House and read, praying relief in the case of the capture and condemnation of a quantity of tobacco, the property of the memorialist, by the privateers and courts of the French Republic, during the late European war.

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

On motion,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States respecting the French corvette *Berceau* be instructed to inquire whether any further appropriations are necessary to cover the expense which has arisen for the purchase and repairing that vessel for the French Government, and for advancing to her officers their monthly pay.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to repeal so much of the acts, the one entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," the other an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," as relate to the establishment of the Mint; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: Whereupon, A motion was made, and the question being put, that the farther consideration of the same be postponed until the third Monday in November next,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Mitchill, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Samuel Smith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the Military Establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Giles have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads," and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. The Senate have disagreed to the resolution of this House "authorizing the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives to close the present session of Congress by adjourning their respective Houses on Monday, the twenty-sixth instant." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments, reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two;

and the same being severally twice read at the Clerk's table, some were agreed to, others amended and agreed to, and others disagreed to.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House proceeded to consider so much of the message from the Senate, of this day, as relates to the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their disagreement to such of the said amendments as have been disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the said bill.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate on the subject-matter of the said amendments; and that Mr. Elmendorf, Mr. Southard, and Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Mitchill, from the committee to whom was, yesterday, re-committed the bill to repeal so much of the acts, the one entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," the other an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing the Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," as relate to the establishment of the Mint, reported an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Samuel Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the Military Establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Elmer have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after Wednesday next, and Mr. Claiborne after to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to repeal so much of the acts, the one entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," the other an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," as relate to the establishment of a Mint, was read the third time, and the blanks therein filled up.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to repeal so much of the acts, the one entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States,' the other an act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act establish-

ing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States," as relates to the establishment of the Mint."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A representation of the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, by their committee specially appointed for the purpose, was presented to the House and read, stating their approbation of the principles and provisions contained in a bill now depending before this House, "to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia," and praying that the same may be passed into a law during the present session of Congress.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eighth instant, the bill to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-fourth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.'"

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act in addition to an act, entitled 'An act in addition to an act regulating the grants of land appropriated for military services, and for the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the time therein mentioned,' and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be required to make report and return to this House, in the first week of the next session of Congress, of the abstracts and lists of the valuation of lands and houses made in the several States, pursuant to the act "to provide for the valuation of lands and dwelling houses, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States;" and that he cause two hundred copies of the said report and return to be previously printed, and transmitted, for the use of Congress, at the time aforesaid.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth :

TH. JEFFERSON.

Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis.

Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Edwin Gray,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Anthony New,

Joseph H. Nicholson,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Smith, of New York,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
John Trigg,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act to repeal so much of the acts, the one entitled 'An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States,' the other an act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States,' as relates to the establishment of the Mint." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and to make provision for the repayment of loans made by the State of Maryland for the use of the city," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded to consider so much of the said message of the Senate as relates to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the last mentioned bill : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first amendment of the Senate, to strike out the third section of the bill, and insert a new section in lieu thereof.

Ordered, That the other amendments of the Senate, which propose to add nine additional sections to the end of the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Theodosius Fowler." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who have died, or may hereafter die, in the Naval service of the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 1802.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made, and the question being put, to amend the bill at the Clerk's table, by adding to the end thereof a new section, in the words following, to wit :

"Provided always, and be it further enacted, That no tax shall be imposed by the City Council on real property in the said city, at any higher rate than three quarters of one per centum on the assessment valuation of such property :"

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said amendment be presently engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time.

The said amendment being brought in engrossed, the bill, as amended, was read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned.'"

and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints," was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A memorial of John Cleves Symmes was presented to the House and read, praying that Congress will, during the present session, be pleased to consider and decide on his petition presented on the eighteenth of January last, and grant such relief in the premises as to their wisdom may seem meet.

Also, a petition of John Minor, of Granville county, in the State of North Carolina, brother and administrator of Reuben Minor, deceased, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the services of the deceased, as a Serjeant in the second South Carolina regiment of the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said memorial and petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Mitchill, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirty-first of December last, so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the eighth of the same month, as relates "to Naval preparations, and the establishment of sites for Naval purposes," made a farther report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, as followeth:

Gentlemen of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:

The Commissioners who were appointed to carry into execution the sixth article of the treaty of amity, commerce, and navigation, between the United States and Great Britain, having differed in their construction of that article, and separated in consequence of that difference, the President of the United States took immediate measures for obtaining conventional explanations of that article for the government of the Commissioners. Finding, however, great difficulties opposed to a settlement in that way, he authorized our Minister at the Court of London to meet a proposition that the United States, by the payment of a fixed sum, should discharge themselves from their responsibility for such debts as cannot be recovered from the individual debtors. A Convention has accordingly been signed, fixing the sum to be paid at six hundred thousand pounds sterling, in three equal and annual instalments, which has been ratified by me, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

I now transmit copies thereof to the two Houses of Congress, trusting that, in the free exercise of the authority which the Constitution has given them on the subject of public expenditures, they will deem it for the public interest to appropriate the sums necessary for carrying this convention into execution.

TH. JEFFERSON.

April 27th, 1802.

The said message was read, and, together with the Convention transmitted therewith, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the committee appointed the seventh of January last, on the memorial of Evan Thomas and others, and to whom was referred, on the twenty-seventh of the same month, a message from the President of the United States relative to trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, reported a bill to revive and continue in force an act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who have died, or may hereafter die, in the Naval service of the United States:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Samuel Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended by the Committee of the Whole House, be recommitted to Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Foster, Mr. Gregg, Mr. Plater, Mr. Stratton, and Mr. Bacon.

An engrossed bill to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend, and continue in force, the provisions of an act, entitled 'An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the Territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for other purposes ;' to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1802.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing his report on the memorial of Ferdinand Mullenheim, referred to him, by order of the House, on the fifteenth ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States ;"

"An act to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives ;"

"An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who have died in the Naval service of the United States ;"

"An act for the relief of Theodosius Fowler ;"

"An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States ;" and

"An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the times therein mentioned,' and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John Taliaferro, junior, from the committee to whom was yesterday recommitted the bill additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia," as amended by the Committee of the Whole House, reported an amendatory bill ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to repeal, in part, the act, entitled 'An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes,' with two amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments of the Senate, to add nine new sections to the end of the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washing-

ton, and to make provision for the repayment of loans made by the State of Maryland, for the use of the city;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, with several amendments; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, and partly considered.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole House be postponed until to-morrow.

An engrossed bill additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A petition of Thomas Cooper, of the county of Northumberland, in the State of Pennsylvania, was presented to the House and read, setting forth that, in the month of April, eighteen hundred, he was tried and condemned at Philadelphia, before Samuel Chase and Richard Peters, judges of the circuit court of the United States there sitting, for having written and published a libel upon the political character and conduct of John Adams, the then President of the United States; and was thereupon adjudged to pay a fine of four hundred dollars, and to suffer an imprisonment of six months, which punishment he accordingly underwent; that he apprehends the said trial, condemnation, and punishment, were unjust: first, because the law, commonly called the sedition law, under which he was indicted, was passed in direct opposition to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution of the United States: and, secondly, because the said judges did not only take for granted the constitutionality of the said law, but did unjustly and improperly refuse to grant him a subpoena ad testificandum directed to the said John Adams; and therefore praying such redress as the wisdom of Congress shall deign to bestow.

On motion,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said memorial be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

The several orders of the day were postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY APRIL 29, 1802.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to enable the People of the Eastern division of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union, on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill stated in the foregoing message: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to all the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit:

An act making provision for the payment of the whole of the public debt of the United States;

An act to amend the judicial system of the United States;

An act for the relief of Theodosius Fowler;

An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who have died in the Naval service of the United States;

An act to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; and

An act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the time therein mentioned," and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints.

Mr. Nicholson, from the committee appointed on the fourteenth of December last, to inquire and report whether moneys drawn from the Treasury have been faithfully ap-

plied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for, and to report, likewise, whether any further arrangements are necessary to promote economy, enforce adherence to legislative restrictions, and secure the accountability of persons entrusted with the public money, made a report; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill, entitled "An act to extend and continue in force the provisions of an act, entitled 'An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'" The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill last mentioned, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Randolph, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States and the King of Great Britain; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Samuel Smith reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally read and agreed to.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and to make provision for the repayment of loans made by the State of Maryland for the use of the city;" and the same being read were agreed to.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the amendments of the Senate to the said bill, as now amended.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John Taliaferro, junr. from the committee appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary in the existing laws and Government of the Territory of Columbia, and to whom were also referred sundry memorials and petitions of the inhabitants of the said Territory, made a report thereon: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the said petitions and memorials.

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth of February last, a letter from William Henry Harrison, Governor of the Indiana Territory, enclosing certain resolutions of the grand jury of the county of Knox, in the said Territory, asserting the rightful claim of that Territory to the Island of Michilimackinac, and its dependencies, as an integral part of the said territory, in opposition to the claim of the Government of the Northwestern territory, to the same, be discharged from farther proceeding thereon.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States and the King of Great Britain was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and his Britannic Majesty."

On motion,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the eighteenth of January last, the petition of John Cleves Symmes, be discharged from further proceedings thereon.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o' clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1802.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit:

An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;"

An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled "An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes;"

An act to amend "An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes;"

An act to enable the People of the Eastern division of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes; and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two." The Senate have also agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and for other purposes." The Senate have also passed the bill making appropriations for the support of Government for the year one thousand eight hundred and two, with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill last mentioned, and, the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported, that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit:

An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."

An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled "An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes;"

An act to amend "An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes;" and

An act to enable the People of the Eastern division of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

An act making provision for the redemption of the whole of the public debt of the United States.

An act to regulate and fix the compensations of the officers of the Senate and House of Representatives.

An act for the relief of Theodosius Fowler.

An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of certain persons who have died in the Naval service of the United States.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives be authorized to close the present session by adjourning their respective Houses on Saturday, the first of May.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend and continue in force the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act giving a right of pre-emp-

tion to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for other purposes ;” and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Lewis R. Morris reported that the Committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time, and, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Bishop have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be requested to establish a post office at or near the Capitol, on or before the next session of Congress.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the consideration of the bill, entitled “An act for the better security of public money and property in the hands of public officers and agents.” I am also directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, yesterday, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit :

An act to amend the judicial system of the United States ; and

An act supplementary to an act, entitled “An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the time therein mentioned,” and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Elmendorf, from the committee to whom was committed the bill from the Senate to empower John James Dufour, and his associates, to purchase certain lands, reported that the committee had had the same under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time, and, on the question that it do now pass, It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill to provide more effectually for the due application of public money, and for the accountability of persons entrusted therewith, be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

On motion,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the report of the committee to whom was referred, on the nineteenth of January, the petition of Memucan Hunt and others, addressed to the General Assembly of North Carolina, and, also, sundry resolutions of the said Assembly, relative to a claim for the value of certain lands in the State of Tennessee, be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, of the eighth of March last, on the memorial of Henry Messonier ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and come to a resolution thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That there be paid to Henry Messonier, from any money in the Treasury, not heretofore appropriated by law, the sum of six hundred and fifty-five dollars and ninety cents, being the amount of duties paid by him on fourteen hogsheads of coffee, imported in the ship Pacareau, captain Latour, and entered at the port of Baltimore, on the eighteenth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, which sum had also been paid, on the same fourteen hogsheads of coffee, by Champaign and Deyme.

Ordered, That a bill or bills be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two, with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments, and the same being read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Samuel Smith, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Henry Messonier; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Davis reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and gone through the same, and made no amendments thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment, and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Henry Messonier was read the third time.

On motion,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said bill be postponed until the third Monday in November next.

Ordered, That Thomas Parker, who presented a petition to this House on the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred, have leave to withdraw the same, together with the documents and vouchers relating thereto.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to procure a clock for the use of the House of Representatives, and cause it to be placed in some convenient part of the Representatives' chamber.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1802.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph, Mr. Fustis, and Mr. Bayard, have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after to-day, for the remainder of the session.

On motion,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House on Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' and for other purposes;"

"An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two;"

"An act making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two;"

"An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and for other purposes;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two;"

"An act to extend and continue in force the provisions of an act, entitled 'An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for other purposes;' and

"An act to empower John James Dufour, and his associates, to purchase certain lands;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House, of the thirtieth ultimo, "authorizing an adjournment of the two Houses of Congress," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment of the Senate, and the same being read, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' and for other purposes ;"

"An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two ;"

"An act making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two ;"

"An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and for other purposes ;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two ;"

"An act to extend and continue in force the provisions of an act, entitled 'An act giving a right of pre-emption to certain persons who have contracted with John Cleves Symmes, or his associates, for lands lying between the Miami rivers, in the territory Northwest of the Ohio, and for other purposes ;' and

"An act to empower John James Dufour, and his associates, to purchase certain lands."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to an amendment and modification of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads," agreeably to a report thereon, made this day to the Senate, by the conferees appointed on their part. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the thirtieth ultimo, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act to enable the People of the Eastern division of the territory Northwest of the river Ohio to form a constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and for other purposes ;"

"An act to suspend, in part, the act, entitled 'An act regulating foreign coins, and for other purposes ;'"

"An act to revive, and continue in force, an act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes ;' and

"An act to amend 'An act to establish the compensations of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes.'"

Also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act to abolish the Board of Commissioners in the City of Washington, and for other purposes ;"

"An act making appropriations for the support of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two ;"

"An act making appropriations for the Military establishment of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and two ;"

"An act making an appropriation for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and two :'" and

"An act to provide for the establishment of certain districts, and therein to amend an act, entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit :

"An act to empower John James Dufour, and his associates, to purchase certain lands ;" and

"An act to extend and continue in force the provisions of an act, entitled, 'An act

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 28,
 { Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
 Thomas Boude,
 John Campbell,
 John Condit,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 William Helms,
 Archibald Henderson,
 Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 James Mott,
 Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 William Shepard,
 Henry Southard,
 John Stanley,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 John Archer,
 John Bacon,
 Theodorus Bailey,
 Phanael Bishop,
 Robert Brown,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 Thomas T. Davis,
 John Dawson,
 William Dickson,
 Lucas Elmendorf,
 William Eustis,
 John Fowler,
 Edwin Gray,
 John A. Hanna,
 Daniel Heister,
 Joseph Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
 Samuel L. Mitchell,
 Thomas Moore,
 Thomas Morris,
 Thomas Newton, jun.
 Joseph H. Nicholson,
 John Randolph, jun.
 John Smilie,
 John Smith, of *New York*,
 John Smith, of *Virginia*,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Joseph Stanton, jun.
 John Taliaferro, jun.
 David Thomas,
 Philip R. Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 John Trigg,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 John P. Van Ness,
 Joseph B. Varnum, and
 Robert Williams.

On the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union in their disagreement to the said second article of amendment,

It passed in the negative, by yeas and nays, two-thirds of the members present voting in the negative, to wit:—Yeas 24, Nays 48.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
 Thomas Boude,
 John Campbell,
 Manasseh Cutler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport,
 Abiel Foster,
 Calvin Goddard,
 Roger Griswold,
 Seth Hastings,
 Archibald Henderson,
 Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
 Lewis R. Morris,
 Thomas Plater,
 Nathan Read,
 William Shepard,
 John Stanley,
 Benjamin Tallmage,
 Samuel Tenney,
 Thomas Tillinghast,
 George B. Upham,
 Peleg Wadsworth, and
 Lemuel Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,

John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said proposed article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, to wit:

"That, in all future elections of President and Vice President, the persons voted for shall be particularly designated, by declaring which is voted for as President, and which as Vice President."

It was resolved in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative, to wit: Yeas 49, Nays 24.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Robert Brown,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Morris,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, junior,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,

John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,

Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,

Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth, and
Lemuel Williams.

Ordered, That the said article of amendment be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

On a motion made and seconded that the report of the select committee, appointed on the fourteenth of December last, "to inquire and report whether moneys drawn from the Treasury have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for; and to report, likewise, whether any further arrangements are necessary to promote economy, enforce adherence to legislative restrictions, and secure the accountability of persons entrusted with the public money," which was read and ordered to lie on the table on the twenty-ninth ultimo, be re-committed to the same select committee, farther to consider and report thereon to the House :

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 22,
 { Nays 46.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,

Benjamin Huger,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,

Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*.
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,

Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,

John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

An engrossed resolution, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, proposing an article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as agreed to this day by the House, was read the third time :

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, two-thirds of the members present voting in the affirmative, to wit : Yeas 47, Nays 14.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Phanuel Bishop,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas T. Davis,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
William Eustis,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
John A. Hanna,
Daniel Heister,
Joseph Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Michael Leib,
John Milledge,

Samuel L. Mitchell,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Joseph H. Nicholson,
John Randolph, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James A. Bayard,
Thomas Boude,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
Roger Griswold,
Archibald Henderson,
Benjamin Huger,

Lewis R. Morris,
Nathan Read,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
George B. Upham, and
Lemuel Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the message of the Senate, of this day, and the report of the Joint Committee of Conference, transmitted therewith, on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act further to alter and establish certain post roads :—" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Senate in their agreement to the amendment and modification of the said amendments, as proposed by the Joint Committee of Conference thereon.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1802.

On motion,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House this day, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

A motion was made, and the question being put, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report a bill to repeal so much of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" as authorizes the Commissioners of the United States, conclusively to settle by compromise with the Commissioners of Georgia, the claims mentioned in the act, entitled "An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory?"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas24,
Nays36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Thomas Boude,
John Campbell,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Davenport,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
John A. Hanna,
Seth Hastings,
Archibald Henderson,
Thomas Lowndes,
Lewis R. Morris,

Thomas Morris,
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
William Shepard,
John Stanley,
Benjamin Tallmage,
Samuel Tenney,
Thomas Tillinghast,
George B. Upham,
Peleg Wadsworth,
Lemuel Williams, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Richard Brent,
Robert Brown,
John Clopton,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler,
Edwin Gray,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John Milledge,

Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
John Smilie,
John Smith, of New York,
John Smith, of Virginia,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taliaferro, jun.
David Thomas,
Philip R. Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

On motion,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause the proper officers to prepare and lay before the House, during the first week of the ensuing Session of Congress, the following statements:

A detailed account of the expenditure and application of all public moneys which have passed through the Quartermaster General's Department, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, to the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and one.

A similar account of the expenditure of all public moneys which have passed through the Navy Agents.

A similar account of the expenditure and application of all the moneys drawn out of the Treasury, for the contingencies of the Military and Naval Establishments.

Copies of the contracts made by the Navy Department for the purchase of timber and stores, and the accounts of the moneys paid under such contracts.

Ordered, That Mr. Robert Williams and Mr. Thomas Morris be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen,'" with two amendments; to

which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill first mentioned in the said message; and the same being severally twice read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia :—" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Ordered, That the call of the House directed by a vote of this day, to be at two o'clock, be postponed until four o'clock in the afternoon.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America, and his Britannic Majesty." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia,' with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the last mentioned bill: Whereupon,

The twelfth amendment, which proposes to add the first new section to the end of the bill, as the tenth section thereof, being read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

“*And be it further enacted*, That the Marshal of the District of Columbia be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to cause a good and sufficient jail to be built within the City of Washington; and that a sum not exceeding seventeen thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to that purpose, to be paid out of any unappropriated moneys in the Treasury.”

A motion was made, and the question being put, to amend the said twelfth amendment of the Senate, by striking out the word "*seventeen*," next before the words "*thousand dollars*," and inserting the word "*eight*," in lieu thereof:

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 32,
 { Nays 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston,
John Archer,
John Bacon,
Theodorus Bailey,
Richard Brent,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Manasseh Cutler,
John Dawson,
William Dickson,
Abiel Foster,
Calvin Goddard,
Roger Griswold,
Daniel Heister,
William Helms,
Archibald Henderson.

David Holmes,
Benjamin Huger,
Lewis R. Morris,
Thomas Morris,
Anthony New,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Thomas Plater,
Nathan Read,
John Smith, of *Virginia*,
Henry Southard,
John Taliaferro, jun.
Samuel Tenney,
Philip R. Thompson,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
John P. Van Ness, and
Henry Woods.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Boude,
Robert Brown,
John Condit,
Richard Cutts.

John Davenport,
Thomas T. Davis,
Lucas Elmendorf,
John Fowler.

John A. Hanna,
Joseph Heister,
Michael Leib,
Samuel L. Mitchill,
Thomas Moore,
James Mott,
John Smilie,
John Smith, of *New York*,
Samuel Smith,

Richard Stanford,
Joseph Stanton, jun.
John Stewart,
Benjamin Tallmage,
David Thomas,
Abram Trigg,
John Trigg,
Joseph B. Varnum, and
Robert Williams.

On the question that the House do agree to the said twelfth amendment of the Senate, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That this House doth also agree to all the other amendments proposed by the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until five o'clock, post meridiem.

FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M. MONDAY, MAY 3, 1802.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the twelfth amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia.'" The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for the more secure carriage of the mail of the United States ;"

"An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia ;"

"An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America, and his Britannic Majesty ;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, and for other purposes ;"

"An act additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia ;" and

"An act for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to transmit to each member of this House, under his frank, a copy of all such documents as have been ordered to be printed for the use of the members of the House, and which shall not, at the close of the present session, have been delivered to them.

Mr. Cutts, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for the more secure carriage of the mail of the United States ;"

"An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia ;"

"An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America, and his Britannic Majesty ;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen,' and for other purposes ;"

"An act additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia ;" and

"An act for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the resolution of this House, in the

form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "proposing an article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, respecting the election of President and Vice President;" two-thirds of the members present in the Senate not having concurred in their agreement to the same. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Griswold and Mr. Samuel Smith be appointed a committee, on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Lewis, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act further to alter and establish certain post roads, and for the more secure carriage of the mail of the United States ;"

"An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia ;"

"An act making an appropriation for carrying into effect the Convention between the United States of America and his Britannic Majesty ;"

"An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen' and for other purposes ;"

"An act additional to, and amendatory of, an act, entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia ;' and

"An act for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Griswold, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him of the proposed recess of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service ; and that the President signified to them he had no farther communication to make during the present session.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House, having completed the business before them, are now about to adjourn until the first Monday in December next ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Senate, having completed the legislative business before them, are now ready to adjourn. And then he withdrew.

Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until the first Monday in December next.

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